

Historic Homes in Original Montgomery County



Peter Johnson House

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Introduction

Olivia,
I thought you
might enjoy
this. Maybe
we can do
this riding
tour together
sometimes -
your "Cousin"
Betty
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Fortunately many of our historic homes stand as reminders of the diverse cultural and economic groups that have contributed to the prosperity and development of Original Montgomery County.

Preserved are homes of statesmen, farmers, bankers, lawyers, and merchants. Together they offer a panoramic view of Original Montgomery County's colorful past.

The homes listed on the Bicentennial's Driving Tour were selected for historical or architectural significance.

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1 Charlie Mason House

Charlie Mason built this Queen Anne cottage on Mason Street in the late 1800s. Mason and his wife, Mattie, their children, Bertie and Tom, lived here for many years. After Mason's wife died, he remarried, and a niece, Sara Mason, came to live with the family.

Following the Masons' occupancy, the house has had numerous owners and tenants.

2 John Wesley Morrison House

In 1885 John Wesley Morrison, a local merchant, built this Folk Victorian, central hall cottage on 115 West Church Street. It was here he, his wife Annie McLeod, and children, Vela Alta, Eloise ("Tink"), Henry Herschel, and Otho Hill lived. Following Mrs. Morrison's death, Mr. Morrison married Louise Barron. They continued to live here, along with children from this marriage who were Anna, Alma, Walter Barron, and Sara. Anna Morrison, longtime Postmistress in Mount Vernon, lived in the house during her entire lifetime. This well-preserved house has always remained in the Morrison family, and Kathryn Roller Tipton, present owner and granddaughter of John Wesley Morrison, resides in the house.

3 Coleman-McCullough-Truitt House

Chester Coleman, who moved to Mount Vernon from Dodge County, built this two-story Queen Anne-style house at 133 West Church Street around 1890.

Coleman, his wife, Abiah Powell Coleman, and children, Norba, Minnie, Curtis, and Will lived here. After Mr. Coleman's death, his widow married Joseph Daniel McCullough, son of James Thomas McCullough (known as "Uncle Jimmer") and Margaret McRae McCullough. They, along with a son, James, continued to live in the house.

After the McCullough's ownership, the property passed through a number of owners. Mrs. Fred Truitt, the present owner, resides here.

4 Captain Hughes House

On the corner of Church and Fulton Streets stands one of the oldest houses in Mount Vernon. Built around 1895 by James McNatt, this one-story, side-gabled-roof dwelling is typical of the Folk Victorian style. Of particular interest is the porch detail — the flat, jigsaw-cut balustrade, and elaborate ornamentation between the posts.

Captain Malcolm Daniel Hughes, who lost an arm in the Civil War, acquired the house and lived here with his sister, Martha Sharpe, and niece, Liza Sharpe, for many years.

In 1960 two sisters, Edna Sue Stanford and Frankie Stanford, purchased the house from Mattie McBride Watkins and B. Hal Yawn. Their brother, Leland Stanford, also lived here. It was during their ownership that the house was remodeled, but at the same time being careful to keep the intrinsic character of the old house.

After the Stanford's ownership, the house passed through a number of hands. Since 1983 James A. Haines has owned and occupied this historic house.

5 Elijah McRae House

Elijah McRae built this Queen Anne-style house on 203 West Church Street around 1895. He and his wife, Janie Smith McRae, and their four children, Christian Adella (Della), John Elijah, Thomas Jefferson, and Mary Inez made their home here for many years.

Mary Inez McRae inherited the house and along with Thomas Jefferson McRae, his wife, Marie Sutton McRae, and six sons, Jefferson Sutton, David Elijah, John Howard, Allen Saye, Thomas Rhodes, and Robert Frederick ^{lived} live here.

In 1935 the Thomas Jefferson McRae family moved into the Wright House on Railroad Avenue. Mary Inez McRae continued to live in the house until her death in 1949. Christian Adella McRae Montgomery inherited the house from her sister.

Ollie O'Conner is the present owner.

6

W.L.D. Rackley House

W.L.D. Rackley moved to Mount Vernon from Sardis, Burke County, Georgia. He soon built this Folk Victorian cottage on 512 South Washington Street for his wife, Amelia Mobley, and children, Eugene, Floyd, Lonnie, and Lessie.

Following the Rackley's ownership, the house has had numerous owners and tenants. Mrs. Tommy Byrd purchased the house from Jim O'Conner in 1955 and is the present owner.

7

Jesse Fountain House

Jesse I. Fountain built this Queen Anne dwelling on 533 South Washington Street in 1887. For many years Mr. Fountain, his wife, Lottie, and son, Monroe, lived here.

Bernard Fountain inherited the house from his father, Monroe Fountain, and is the present owner.

8

Williams-Thompson House

Henry Hora Williams built this Folk Victorian, gabled ell cottage for his bride, Edith Melvin Calhoun Williams, located on 604 South Washington Street, around 1890. Four Williams' children, Edna, Carrie, Lawrence, and Leila grew up in the house.

In 1902 John A. McBride acquired the house from W. L. Wilson for his wife, Emma Hughes McBride, and children, Mattie, Inez, and Herman.

In 1913 John A. McBride deeded the house to Edgar G. Smith, who for many years lived here with his wife, Annie, and children, Flora, Harry, Alma, Winnie, Ernest, Edna, Earl, and Helen.

In 1948 Alma Smith received the house from her father, Edgar Smith.

In 1961 Alma Smith sold the house to Mrs. Victoria H. Thompson, who made her home here until her death. In 1981 her son, John

Thompson, purchased the house from the T. N. Thompson Estate. During his ownership the house has been completely renovated.

Mrs. John Thompson presently resides here.

9

Adams-Thompson House

Colonel A. L. Lanier built this house, located on 612 Washington Street, around 1896 on land he purchased from John Wesley Morrison.

Some older citizens believe that at some time the Ed Rogers family and D. W. Folsom and his family occupied the house.

From 1925-1940 the Carl Adams family, along with Mr. Adams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams, lived here.

In 1953 Mrs. Eloise E. Thompson purchased the house from George N. Reynolds. Louis H. Thompson Jr. acquired the house from his mother, Eloise E. Thompson. Under his ownership, the house has undergone considerable renovations. Mr. Thompson, his wife, Anne Vann Thompson, and daughters, Amy Marie and Trisha Anne, make their home here.

10

McMillan-McRae-Cobb House

Robert Farquhar McRae purchased this house and land from John McMillan, who built this house around 1850 which is located south of Mount Vernon on the Old River Road.

In 1933 Mamie McAllister McRae, her daughter, Eula McRae Cobb, husband N. Durham Cobb, and two children, Robert Thomas (Bob) and Mary moved into the house. Several additions were made to the house as well as remodeling the interior.

In 1981 Robert Thomas Cobb inherited the house from the Estate of Robert Farquhar McRae. In 1991 Kenneth and Sheila Joyce Burns purchased the property from Robert Thomas Cobb and presently live in the house with their four children.

11 G. L. Adams Home Place

This large clapboard house with Greek Revival details was built for Agnes Adams Wright by her father, George L. Adams, around 1850. (?) She was born July, 10, 1865.

Located just off the Old River Road, this dwelling was made of hand-hewn boards using handmade nails and pegs. The exterior chimneys were made from locally fired bricks. As in most all older houses, the dining room and kitchen were detached from the main house. Around 1900 these rooms were added to the main structure.

In 1934 Lawrence N. Thompson acquired the house and he, his wife, Mary Lou Bowie Thompson, and their four children, Lawrence, Jr., Robert Thomas, William N., and Elizabeth (Libbie) moved into the house and owned it until 1985.

Carolyn Bean is the present owner.

12 Thomas Butler Adams House

This clapboard house believed to have been built just after the Civil War by Thomas Butler Adams was located about two miles south of Mount Vernon off the Uvalda Highway.

Mr. Adams lived here with his wife, Mary Missouri Willcox Adams, and children who were Thomas Seaborn, Everett Dean (who died in infancy), Addie Mary, Virginia (Sim), and Florence for many years.

Mrs. Adams died in 1924 leaving the property to her youngest daughter, Florence, who lived in the house during her entire lifetime. At her death, she willed the house and land to a great nephew, James Stacy, Jr.

In 1980 James Stacy, Jr. sold the house to James Earl Thompson, who moved the century-old dwelling only a short distance across the highway to its present location.

Under the Thompson's ownership, the house has been renovated to make the floor plan more adaptable to present-day living and to add some

contemporary conveniences. One of the outstanding features of this old home is the mellow, heart-pine walls that were once covered with layers of enamel paint.

James Earl and Anita Fountain Thompson own and occupy this historic house.

13 Alex McArthur House

Alexander (Alex) McArthur, who served as Ordinary of Montgomery County from 1885-1918, built this central hall cottage on 413 South Washington Street around 1890. He married the widow of Malcolm Peterson, Mary Melinda McRae Peterson, and they lived here for many years.

Jesse I. Fountain purchased the house from Alex McArthur. In the early 1930s, Fountain's grandson, J. M. Fountain, came into possession of the house. He and his wife, Elise, reared their family here. Fountain children growing up in the house were Jesse, Beverly, Marilyn, Charlotte, Cynthia, Becky, and Festus. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fountain continue to make their home here.

14 Dr. Martin Morrison House

Dr. Martin Morrison from Glenwood and his wife, Lola Armfield Morrison, built this white frame house on South Washington Street around 1888.

Besides being a residence, over the years the house has been occupied by the Montgomery County Board of Education, Joe C. Underwood as a law office, Holland Contracting Company, and Mount Vernon Insurance Agency.

Carol Coleman Moore, the present owner, is in the process of restoring the house as her residence.

15 W. A. Peterson Home

William Archibald Peterson, a local banker, purchased a lot on the corner of Broad and Washington Streets in 1901. However, it was not

until 1905 that Mr. Peterson built this Queen Anne-style dwelling at 217 Broad Street.

The steeply-hipped roof with lower cross gables, wrap-around porch supported by slender round columns, and a bay window are typical of the Queen Anne elements.

William Peterson, his wife, Margaret Powell Peterson, and their three children, John Powell, Mary Lucretia, and William Malcolm spent many happy years here.

Following the death of Mrs. Peterson in 1954, her son, William Malcolm Peterson, his wife, Kate, and four children, Margaret Powell, Barbara Jean, Dorothy Melton, and William Malcolm, Jr., occupied the House. After Mr. Peterson's death, his widow, Kate Betts Peterson, continued to live in the house for many years.

In 1989 the house was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. William Conant, who are restoring the house in such a way as to preserve the character of the original structure. It is noted that few structural changes have been made to the house since it was built in 1905.

16

Geiger House

This unusual three-room Queen Anne cottage was built on 116 West Broad Street by Reid Beasley, a local lawyer, for his law office.

Around 1903, Judson Beech Geiger used this house for his law office. In later years other lawyers who had offices here were L. C. Underwood and J. Wade Johnson, Sr. In the early 1940s J. Wade Johnson, Jr., remodeled the house adding a bedroom, bath, dining room and kitchen and used this dwelling for his residence as well as his law office.

In 1949 Ralston W. Geiger purchased the house from C. Hendricks Fountain for his family home. He lived here with his wife, Willie Jo Adamson Geiger, and daughter, Nancy.

During the 1960s the Geigers added a laundry room and screen porch.

Mary Lea Lane purchased the house from Mrs. Geiger in 1992 and is restoring the house.

17

Higgs House

This dwelling was built in 1895 by Sheriff Ben Higgs for his family on 118 East Broad Street. He, his wife, Flora McQueen Higgs, and children, Mamie, Owen, and Bessie lived here.

Typical of the Folk Victorian style, the house has front and wing gables. Porch supports are Queen Anne-style turned spindles connected by a balustrade.

Bessie Higgs Austin inherited the house from her mother, Flora McQueen Higgs. In 1977 she deeded the house to Harry Clay Wilt, a descendant of the McQueen family, and he presently resides in the house.

18

Daniel McGregor House

Daniel McGregor built this house on 408 East Church Street around 1880 for his wife, Ann McNatt McGregor, and children, Helen, James Daniel, Mary Jane and Rebecca.

Later Daniel McGregor's son, James Daniel, and his family lived here. After the McGregor Family, the J. H. Martin family occupied the house, and it became known as The J. H. Martin Place.

Minnie Abt purchased the house in 1932 from I. P. Parmly. After her marriage to Henry Fountain, they continued to live here. Following Mrs. Fountain's death, a brother, Lewis Abt, lived here until he moved into a smaller house which he built next door.

In 1975 Charlie Abt purchased the house from the Lewis Abt Estate. Mrs. Charlie Abt is the present owner, and her grandson, Charles Waller, and his family live in the house.

19

McAllister-Poe House

In 1890 Tim Young of Ailey built this Folk Victorian house on 304 Railroad Avenue for

Thomas J. Smith, his wife, and sons, Roy and Robert.

John Christopher McAllister, who served as Ordinary of Montgomery County from 1918-1947, purchased this house where he and his wife, Mary Penelope Moses McAllister, reared eight children who were Mary Gertrude (Mamie), John Martin Columbus, Willie Conner, Nell, Lucy Victoria, James Arren, Herschel Alexander, and Lillian Gladys.

The long front veranda with its rocking chairs welcomed many family members and friends far and wide for many years.

Gladys McAllister always lived in the house with her father. After her marriage to Clifford Alvis Poe in 1942, they continued to make their home here. John Emmett ("Togie") Hicks, a grandson of John Christopher McAllister, inherited the house from Mrs. Poe. In 1992 the Hicks heirs sold the house to Lewis Palmer, and it is currently rental property.

20

Padgett House

Records show that ^{Urania}~~Urania~~ Arorn Smith McRae, wife of Farquhar McRae, sold this frame house on 302 Railroad Avenue on December 1, 1986 to A. J. Collins.

Since that time the house has had numerous owners: Sallie E. Jenkins, Jesse I. Fountain, Mrs. L. C. McCullough, Monroe F. Fountain, and Maggie D. and Sidney E. Moore.

In 1958 J. C. Humphrey, Sr. sold the house to Ethyl Padgett, who lived here until her death in 1984. In 1991 J. David Fountain purchased the house from the Padgett heirs. In April 1992, a granddaughter, Melanie Story Bryson, acquired the house from J. David and Mildred Padgett Fountain.

Under the Bryson's ownership the house has been extensively remodeled, yet the large inviting front porch remains as it did at the turn-of-the century.

21

Duncan A. McRae House

Duncan Alexander McRae, a local merchant, banker, and farmer, built this vernacula Queen Anne-style house on 129 Railroad Avenue in 1905 for his bride, Victoria Wooten McRae. Four children from this marriage, Elizabeth, Jane, Harold Wooten, and Duncan Alexander, Jr., grew up in the house.

This rambling, white frame house is a good example of the Queen Anne Style with its steeply-hipped roof, along with its lower cross gables, wrap-around porch with rounded corner, and a bay window. The spacious rooms and high ceilings lend an elegant atmosphere to the interior of the house. During the years that the McRae family lived here, several additions have been made to the house.

Duncan A. McRae, Jr., is the present owner.

22

Cummings House

This central hall cottage with unusual gabled portico was built by a local lawyer, Reid Beasley, on 115 North Railroad Avenue.

Eugene Talmadge, who later became Governor of Georgia, and his bride, Mattie Thurmond ("Mitt") Talmadge, lived in this house during the time Talmadge practiced law in Mount Vernon.

For many years this was the home to the Cummings family — C. B. Cummings, his wife, Elizabeth Sumner Cummings, and children, C. B., Jr., Mary Bess, and Ray.

Following the death of Mrs. Cummings, M. B. Connell purchased the house from the Cummings Estate. In 1978 Mr. Connell's daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Connell Thigpen, acquired the house. During her ownership the house was moved 25 feet to make room for a convenience store and has been remodeled for rental property.

23

Willie McQueen House

Around 1890 Willie McQueen built this Folk Victorian house on 131 North Railroad Avenue.

McQueen, his wife, Mary Smith McQueen, and children, Sadie, Marie, Will, and Janie lived here. Following the death of Mrs. McQueen, Willie McQueen married Alma Folsom and with their children — Randall, Hazel, and Folsom — continued to make their home here.

Following the McQueen family, the Pierce family lived here as did Harry Wilt and his family.

In 1974 A. P. and Claudia T. Mathis purchased the house from John W. McArthur. Since 1990 LeRoy Mathis, a son of A.P. and Claudia T. Mathis, has owned the house. It has been during his ownership that the house has been extensively renovated. Presently the house is rental property.

24

John O. McRae House

John O. McRae built this dwelling around 1891 on 135 West Mount Vernon Street for his wife, Missouri McLeod McRae, and children, Mark, Maudelle, Bertha, and Aileen.

The house is a good example of the Folk Victorian style with its front and wing gables, elaborate frieze suspended from the porch roof, and porch balustrade.

M. B. Connell purchased the house from Elmer Rowland. The house was acquired by M. B. Connell's daughter, Johnnie Connell Thigpen, in 1978 and has been remodeled for rental property.

25

Col. L. C. Underwood House

Luther C. Underwood, a prominent local attorney, bought this white frame Queen Anne-style dwelling on 301 North Railroad Avenue from Mrs. Lessie Rackley Fox in 1917. It is speculated that the house was built around 1905.

Colonel Underwood and his wife, Eloise ("Tink") Morrison Underwood, lived here for many years. Three Underwood children, Ernestine, and twin sons, Joe and John, grew up in the house.

During the Underwood's ownership, few structural changes have been made to the house. However, the house has been well-maintained, and numerous contemporary features have been added to the interior.

Each spring the many azaleas planted over the years by Mrs. Underwood continue to enhance the house and grounds and are still enjoyed by many.

26

Folsom-Fountain House

Old-timers remember Daniel Webster Folsom, who moved to Mount Vernon from Liberty County, living in the Adams-Thompson House on Washington Street before he built this house on 302 North Railroad Avenue around 1910. Mr. Folsom, his wife, and daughter, Ethelyn, lived here. Following Mrs. Folsom's death, Mr. Folsom married a widow, Fannie Daniel. They, along with Mrs. Daniel's children, Homer, Thomas, C. C., Susan, and Rosa, continued to live here.

John Alfred Fountain purchased the house in 1969 from J. D. Fountain. It has been during his ownership that the house has been extensively remodeled. The well-kept landscape enhances the house. Mr. Fountain, along with Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bracewell, make their home here.

27

Hutcheson-Fountain House

A. B. Hutcheson, a local lawyer and school superintendent, built this large two-story house on 135 East College Street around 1905. He lived here with his wife, Crawford Vinson Hutcheson, and daughter, Carol.

In 1948 Cannie B. Fountain purchased the house from Fred W. Patton. Mr. Fountain, his wife, Martha Palmer Fountain, and children, Helen, DeAlva, Anita, Betty Jo, and June, lived here for many years. During the Fountain's ownership extensive exterior and interior renovations have been done. The abundance of

flowers and shrubbery add to the beauty of this property.

DeAlva, Betty Jo, and June Fountain reside in the house.

28

Beugnot-McRae House

This central hall house with board and batten siding from Willie McRae and Tom Thompson's Sawmill was built by Charles E. Beugnot in the 1890s on 113 North Gladys Street. Beugnot was originally from Indiana and served under Sherman during the Civil War in his "march to the sea."

There had been a succession of owners up to the time Daniel Hermond McRae acquired the house in 1936. Mr. McRae, Ava Bommer McRae, and son, Daniel Hermond, Jr., lived in the house for many years. Mrs. McRae still resides here.

29

James Flournoy Currie House

James Flournoy Currie, a local druggist, built this Queen Anne dwelling on the corner of Mount Vernon and North Gladys Street in the early 1900s. He, his wife, Carrie Blanche Spooner Currie, reared seven children who were Katherine Corrine, Grace Klein, Margaret Spooner, James Langley, Robert LeRoy, Louise Annette, and Carolyn Blanche in this house.

In the early 1940s Carrie Blanche Spooner Currie sold the house to Carl Adams. He lived here with his wife, Lucile, and daughter, Louise, until 1956.

In 1968 M. B. Connell sold the house to W. E. (Buddy) Haines, who along with Mrs. Haines, continue to live in the house.

30

McRae-Scott House

Lee McRae built this Queen Anne house on 234 East Spring Street around 1908. Mr. McRae, his wife, Katrina Stewart McRae, and daughter, Quinelle, made their home here until 1920 when Mr. McRae built another residence across the street. That same year Elizabeth M. Harris pur-

chased the house and resided here. Over the years the house has had several owners, the C. N. Walker family and the Stephens family, who sold the house to Emmett Scott in 1972. Under the Scott's ownership, the house has been completely remodeled.

31

Calhoun-Johnson-Peterson House

John C. Calhoun, Clerk of Montgomery County Superior Court from 1904-1912, built this Queen Anne-style house on 105 North Calhoun Street in 1906. He and his wife, May Moore Calhoun, lived here.

The Queen Anne characteristics are well illustrated here in the steeply-hipped roof, the spindlework frieze, gable ornamentation, round tower at one corner of front facade, and slender-turned balusters which form a balustrade around the veranda.

The ceiling paneling, wainscoatings, and baseboards in the house are identical to the ones in the Montgomery County Courthouse, both structures being built during the same time.

At one time H. V. Thompson, Sr., owned the house. In 1923 he deeded the house to Mabelle Johnson, who lived here with her husband, J. Wade Johnson, Sr. Mrs. Johnson sold the house in 1938 to Cullen George Starnes.

In 1946 Robert Wayland Peterson purchased the house from Cullen George Starnes. He, his wife, Ellen Callaway Peterson, and daughter, Anna, lived here for many years in this pretty, well-maintained house. Mrs. Peterson continues to make ~~here home~~ her home here.

32

Folsom-Calhoun-McRae House

This dwelling was built on 324 East Spring Street around 1905 by Horace Bertrand Folsom. He and his wife, Mallie Peterson Folsom, lived here until he built another residence across the street.

In 1920 Marcus Benton Calhoun, a prominent local attorney, purchased this house.

Calhoun, his wife, Marie Annette (Annie) Griffith Calhoun, and four children — Myra Elizabeth, Thomas Beckham, Sara Frances, Marcus Benton, Jr., moved into this residence from the house next door. A daughter, Leila Annette, was born after the family moved here.

After Mrs. Calhoun's death in 1938, D. A. McRae purchased the house. His son, Harold Wooten McRae, and his wife, Virginia Peacock McRae, and children, Vickie, Harry, and Philip, lived here for many years. Harold Wooten McRae is the present owner and continues to live in the house.

33 Calhoun-Coursey-Grist House

Marcus Benton Calhoun, a prominent local attorney built this Queen Anne-style house around 1910 on 346 East Spring Street. He, his wife, Marie Annette (Annie) Griffith Calhoun, lived here with their four children, Myra Elizabeth, Thomas Beckham, Sarah Frances, Marcus Benton, Jr., and Leila Annette Calhoun.

In 1920 Marcus Benton Calhoun purchased the Horace Folsom house located next door, and the Calhoun family moved to this house. The same year Mrs. John Coursey acquired the house, and she and her son, Paul, moved here.

Noah and Willa Mae Stanford Grist purchased the house and with their four children, Stanford, Priscilla Ann, Caroline, and Dorsey, lived here for many years.

In 1992 Ray C. and Brenda F. Wenger bought the house from the Grist Estate for their residence. Under their ownership, the house is undergoing an extensive renovation.

34 Brewton-Conner House

Dr. J. C. Brewton, president of Union Baptist Institute (now Brewton-Parker College) built this large white clapboard house around 1915

located on 711 East Spring Street. Within a short time Dr. Brewton sold the house to his daughter, Naomi Brewton Conner, and son-in-law, Thomas Bryan Conner, who lived here until 1923.

In 1924 Benjamin Arren Conner purchased the house for his wife, Alice Vivian McLemore Conner, and children, Benjamin Arren, Jr., Anna, Mary, Herbert Ira, Doris Mildred, and David Hal. The Conner family had a large family connection in the area and a wide circle of friends who enjoyed visiting in this hospitable home.

At her death Alice Vivian McLemore Conner willed the house to Brewton-Parker College.

35

Lee House

On a hot night of August 20, 1914, this large two-story, white clapboard house owned by H. D. Lee and located on 731 East Spring Street suffered a severe fire. However, it was only a short time until Lee's neighbors and friends helped him rebuild a residence on the same site.

The Lee children — Walter, Cecil, Harry, Maggie, Mae, Ora, Lollie Bell, Elizabeth, Marion, Sue, and Helen are remembered for their exceptional musical talents.

For 80 years only members of the Lee family have owned and occupied the house.

36

Flournoy-McRae House

It was around 1820 when John McRae arrived in Montgomery County from Robeson County, North Carolina, with his wife, Margaret, and three small sons, Christopher, Farquhar, and Daniel. Shortly after he arrived, John McRae purchased this two-story clapboard house from his sister's husband, John Flournoy, which had been built between 1796-1800. Other children born to John and Margaret McRae in this house were Mary, William, Elijah, John, Nancy, Margaret, Christina, Philip, and Catherine.

The original structure dates from 1790 and stood two stories tall and two ~~rooms~~ rooms deep.

It was fairly shallow and dropped off to two shedlike, sloped-roof rear rooms. Openwalk ways led to a separate dining room and a detached kitchen, which still stands in the backyard.

Hand-hewn timbers were used throughout the house. On the front facade some of the siding is believed to be original, but due to decay many of the original boards had to be replaced with narrower lumber. A concrete slab has replaced the wooden porch; 16-foot columns have been used in place of the original 14-foot ones; and the single-story porch roof has been extended to the top of the house. The floor plan has been altered to better suit present-day living, and the house has been remodeled during J. S. McRae's ownership.

A son, Elijah McRae, his wife Janie Smith McRae, and children lived in the house until they moved to Church Street. However, they only lived here a short time returning to the John McRae House where Elijah McRae lived until his death in 1904. Elijah McRae's daughter, Mary Inez McRae, inherited the house.

In 1945 Jefferson Sutton McRae, a great-grandson of John McRae, purchased the house from his aunt, Mary Inez McRae. He lived here the remainder of his life with his wife, Ella Hilburn McRae. He reared two children in the house, Mary Inez McRae and Virgil Hilburn McRae. Mrs. J. S. McRae presently lives in the house.

37 Joseph Edgar Horne House

This white frame clapboard house located two miles north of Mount Vernon on the Soperton Highway is believed to be well over 100 years old.

Joseph Edgar Horne built this house as a family home for his wife and eight children who were Victoria, Will, Dan, Jim, John, Eva, Ida, and Herbert.

Herbert Horne, the youngest son of Joseph Edgar Horne, inherited the house, and he and

his wife, Bessie West Horne, and children, Betty and Bob, made it their home for many years.

Bessie West Horne continues to live in this attractive farm house.

38 McLeod-Graham House

When William McLeod came to Montgomery County, he settled on land near the McLeod Cemetery, which is located 3 miles north of Mount Vernon on the Soperton Highway.

McLeod lived at this location only a short time as an epidemic of typhoid fever in the area caused McLeod to move his family to higher ground one-half mile east on the Old River Road. It was at this location in 1850 that he built this white frame farmhouse for his wife, Nancy Finleyson McLeod, and children.

After the death of William McLeod, his son, John, his wife, Elizabeth Kirkland McLeod, and children, Annie, Missouri, George, Elizabeth (Lizzie), and Duncan lived here.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) McLeod Graham willed the house to her daughter, Bertha, who lived here with her brother, Ovid. After his marriage to Erlene Downie Graham, they continued to make this house their home until Mr. Graham's death in 1980. Bertha Graham continues to reside here.

39 Cooper-Conner House

Considered to be the oldest house in Montgomery County, this dwelling was built ca. 1779 with slave labor for Major Richard Cooper, once a Revolutionary soldier, who designed and supervised the construction of his house.

The walls are built of pine logs, 12 to 15 inches thick, hand-hewn in squares, dove-tailed and pinned together with two-inch lathes from bottom to top. Nails were made in a local blacksmith shop.

Thomas Benton Conner, son of Wilson Conner and Mary Ann Cook Conner, purchased the house and land from his brother-in-law, Major Richard Cooper. Thomas Benton Conner moved into the house around 1839 with his wife, Sarah Ann Wall Conner, and three children, Thomas Benton, Jr., William W., and Mary Ann. Four children were born after he moved into this house who were Wilson Wayland, Sarah Jane, Elizabeth (Eliza), and James (Jim) Jefferson. At his death in 1886, Thomas Benton Conner willed the house to his daughter, Elizabeth (Eliza) Conner McArthur, wife of James Wesley McArthur. She gave the house to her daughter, Anna L. McArthur Rackley, who later deeded the property to her nephews, James William and Donald Alexander McArthur. In 1991 James William and Donald Alexander McArthur gave the house to Brewton-Parker College. Shortly thereafter the dwelling was moved from its location on the Old River Road to a picturesque site at Brewton-Parker College.

This pre-Revolutionary dwelling will be restored to its original state and will eventually become the Montgomery County Historical Society Museum. The Cooper-Conner House Museum Restoration Project was chosen as the Bicentennial's historical project. Donations can be designated for this project and made to Brewton-Parker College.

40**Conner-Peterson House**

This house facing College Street in Ailey and next to Brewton-Parker College is one of the oldest houses in the community. Before it was remodeled, like so many houses in the South, it was surrounded by a wide porch. A wide hall ran through the center of the house with rooms on each side with doors opening into the hall opposite each other for cross ventilation. The dining room and kitchen were in the back of the house. The old well located a short distance from the kitchen is still there. When the house was

remodeled, some of the porches were removed; others enclosed as part of the house. There were three chimneys with fireplaces in each room.

At one time the David Fountain family occupied the house. Around 1907 the Benjamin Franklin Conner family moved here. Mr. Conner, his wife Mary Calhoun Conner, reared six children here who were David Lawrence, Benjamin Arren, Mary Catherine (Mamie), Thomas Bryan, Martha Eva, and Lillian Ruth. Eva was an accomplished pianist, and the home was a favorite gathering place for young people to sing and dance.

In the early 1930s after a building on the Brewton-Parker College campus was destroyed by fire, the house was used as classrooms.

The William James Peterson, II family later lived here for over forty years. The house is now owned by Brewton-Parker College.

41**Hollie Hudson House**

The property on which this house sits was deeded from Anna Young Peterson to John Hollie Hudson in 1894. Shortly thereafter construction began on this frame house that is located at 118 South Broughton Street in Ailey. Although neglected for many years, the house was bought and restored by Thomas A. Peterson in 1992.

42**Riddle-Peterson-Bishop House**

Built in 1890 by a riverboat Captain, John Riddle, this imposing Victorian-style house was located originally on the southeast corner of Broad and College Streets. After his wife's death in the early 1920s, the house was inherited by their daughter, Laura Riddle Palmer (wife of Dr. J. W. Palmer). In 1932 she moved the house, rolled on pine logs pulled by mules, to its present location at 125 West College Street in Ailey. A second story was added and renovation work was done at that time. Laura Riddle Palmer died,

and her husband married Marie Peterson, who retained ownership of the house until her death in 1984.

Marie Peterson Palmer's great-nephew, Max Brewton Bishop, purchased the house from the Estate of Marie Peterson Palmer and is currently renovating the house, its grounds, and out-buildings. He and his family presently occupy the house.

43 Kitchen House

The Kitchen House located at 227 Broad Street, Ailey, was built ca. 1888-1890 by James Roberson Fuqua, who married Ann Elizabeth McArthur in 1887. They lived in the house until their daughter, Oppie Lee (Pet) Fuqua Kitchen, and her husband, James Remer Kitchen, moved to Ailey from Savannah.

The Kitchens lived here during their married life and reared three children, James Remer, Jr., John Fuqua, and Ann McArthur, in this house. After the death of his parents, John Fuqua Kitchen acquired the house and restored it. At his death the house passed to his two children, John Fuqua Kitchen, Jr. and Mary Lee Kitchen. In 1989 the house was purchased by the Payson N. Sullivan family, who did some additional restorative work. Presently the house is rental property.

44 Hugh McNatt Peterson House

The Hugh McNatt Peterson home located at 228 Broad Street in Ailey was built ca. 1890-91. Mr. Peterson was married to Anna Wayland Conner, and their children, Charles Duncan, Julian Hugh, William Henry, and Robert Wayland, grew up here. Charles continued to live here until his death in 1968. In 1974 Thomas Alexander Peterson, III and his wife, Nancy Lawson Peterson, purchased the house and lived here for fifteen years. During their ownership the house was restored keeping the intrinsic

character of the charming old house. This house is remembered as having the first telephone in Ailey.

Presently the house is owned by Payson and Sara Sullivan, who have done additional restorative work. The Sullivans have erected a marker in front of this historic house in remembrance of the Hugh McNatt Peterson family.

45 Collie Thompson House

Ferdinand McArthur purchased the land for this house from Anna Young Peterson in 1894. The house was built ca. 1899 on 222 Broad Street in Ailey. In 1916 John A. Roundtree bought the house as a wedding present for his daughter, Janie, and son-in-law, Collie G. Thompson. The Thompsons raised three children here, Collie G., Jr., Carolyn, and Martha Jane. Carolyn Thompson Leach lives in the house, and she and her sister, Martha Jane, are co-owners of this charming old house.

46 Glennie Riddle House

Built in 1892, this house located at 213 Broad Street in Ailey was the longtime residence of Hoke and Glennie Riddle. Current owner is Carolyn Bean.

47 Tim Young House

Built in 1890 by a carpenter and house builder, Tim Young, the house located at 405 Broad Street in Ailey has long been associated with the William James Peterson family. In 1920 Marie Peterson Palmer inherited the house from her father, William James Peterson. This Victorian cottage was used as a temporary residence for a number of family members, namely: John C. and Susie Smith Peterson, Hugh and Pat Russell Peterson, Bartow and Jean Cone Snooks, and Hoke Peterson. Alex and Marie Brown Peterson lived there from the late 1940s until Mrs. Peterson's death. Hugh Peterson, Jr. purchased the house from the Estate of Marie Peterson Palmer and is the current owner.

48 J. D. McGregor House

Built in 1893 by Walter Morris for his family at 505 Broad Street in Ailey, this lovely Victorian-style home was purchased by J. D. McGregor soon after the turn-of-the-century. Although damaged by fire caused by lightening in 1969, the house was completely restored. Mrs. Douglas McGregor currently resides in the house.

49 H. V. Thompson House

This large white frame house located on North Lee Street in Ailey was built in the late 1800s by Arch Peterson.

H. V. Thompson, Sr. acquired the house from John Coursey, and he lived here with his wife, Katie, and nine children. Thompson children who were reared in the house and lived there until they married were H. V., Jr., Eula Mae, Tom, Mary, Elizabeth, James O., Eileen, Katie, and Ned.

Mr. Thompson was a landowner and tree farmer. He and his sons for many years operated a large lumber business in Ailey.

H. V. Thompson, Jr. presently owns this family home

50 Peterson-Robison House

This substantial Victorian cottage-style home was built in 1900 by John Archibald Peterson on South Lee Street in Ailey. Dud Williams of Uvalda was the contractor.

This high-pitched house has nine gables and five chimneys accommodating nine fireplaces. All eleven rooms have direct access to the outside through a system of porches. The porches are decorated with ornate "gingerbread" bargeboards purchased from a Savannah supplier at the time the house was constructed.

The house has been occupied by three generations of the descendants of the original builder, John Archibald Peterson. Mrs. John Louis Robison presently resides in the house.

51 W. J. Peterson Old Place

William James Peterson was a large landowner, planter, merchant, and served as Montgomery County's representative in the General Assembly. He built this house two miles southeast of Ailey where he lived with his wife, Catherine Joanna Calhoun Peterson and eleven children. All of the children, who were Flora Catherine, Thomas Alexander (Tom), Caroline Joanna (Carrie), Mamie, William James, Jr., Margaret Ala, Jessie Mae, Jim, Marie, Hugh, and John Calhoun, were born in the birthing room of this house.

This white frame dwelling built in 1869 sheltered a distinguished family for many years. The first-generation descendants of William James Peterson produced a United States Congressman, three Georgia State Senators, a bank president, and several entrepreneurs.

The descendants of William James Peterson, many of whom still reside in the area, meet annually at this old homestead for the Peterson Family Reunion.

The house is now owned by Hugh Peterson, Jr., a grandson of William James Peterson.

52 Francis B. McBride House

On the Mount Vernon-Alston Road near Oak Grove Baptist Church stands a farm house that was built in 1884 by Francis B. McBride. This well-maintained dwelling surrounded by 350 acres ~~and~~ has always been owned and occupied by members of the McBride family.

The house's exterior and interior walls were board and batten, made from heart-pine timber, hand-planed, and cut from trees on the property. The original floor plan consisted of a front porch, hall, bedroom, shedroom, "dog trot," and a log kitchen. In later years clapboard covered the exterior's board and batten walls. Two bedrooms, two porches, a dining room, and another kitchen replacing the original log kitchen were added.

For many years Clyde McBride Adams and her husband, Calvin (Cad) Adams, along with Mrs. Adams' sister, Zelle McBride Rountree, and daughter, Frances, lived here. During their ownership a den and bathroom were added.

It is not unusual today to see fifth generation descendants — children of Lisa Lowe Moore, Carl McBride Lowe, and James William Lowe, Jr. — visiting at this house that was built a century ago by their great-great-grandfather, ~~Francis~~ ^{Frances} B. McBride. Frances Rountree Price, a granddaughter of the original owner and builder of the house, is the present owner and occupant.

53

Hiram Gibbs House

This house was built in 1870 by Hiram Gibbs, located on the road from Oak Grove Church to Long Pond. It was constructed in the Plantation Plain style, which was very popular after the Civil War. It is built of hand-hewn lumber, joined together with wooden pegs, and rests on huge blocks of cedar. It is presently owned and occupied by Joe and Sharon Strickland. Joe is the great-grandson of the original owner, Hiram Gibbs.

54

Jim Hughes House

James Alexander Hughes built this white frame house around 1868 for his wife, Mary Sharpe Hughes, and children, John, James Alexander, Daniel, Ollie, Lilly, and Dorothy on the McGregor-Long Pond Road.

Log sills support the main part of the house. Through the years as the family increased, two bedrooms were added.

James Alexander Hughes, his wife, Mary Bragg Hughes, and children, Lorie, Francis B., Florence, Della, Zola, John Alex, and Sophia, lived here for many years.

In 1945 Francis B. Hughes purchased the house from his father. His wife, Essie Evans Hughes, and children, Robert, Kenneth, and

Wilma occupied the house. During their ownership, a porch was enclosed to make a sitting room and a shedroom became a kitchen.

Following the death of Mr. Hughes in 1990, his widow, Essie Evans Hughes, and son, Kenneth, continue to live here.

This house has always been owned and occupied by descendants of the original builder, James Alexander Hughes.

55

Peter McBride House

Peter McBride built this white clapboard house one mile east of Alston just off Highway 107 around 1870. He lived here with his wife, Catherine McQuaig, and children, who were John Alexander, Mary Lou, William Harry, Laura, Della, Fannie, Ida, James D., George Herman, Mattie Lee, and Leanna Bell. When the Peter McBride family moved to Ailey in 1900, his younger brother, William's, widow, Ala McNatt McBride, moved here with her seven children who were William Thomas, Margaret Pearl, Alma, Clyde, Marvin, Clifford, and Henry.

Over the years the house has been modernized for present-day living, but basically the structure of the house remains the same as it did when Peter McBride built it some 123 years ago.

Edwin, Jimmy, and Melvin inherited the house from their father, Marvin McBride, and are the present owners.

56

Walker Place

Records show that Peter McBride owned the land where the Walker house now stands. Because of that fact it stands to reason that in all probability Peter McBride built this one-story clapboard house in 1870 that stands two miles east of Alston off Highway 107.

John Andrew Jackson Walker bought the house in 1903 from Bennett Powell. When Walker moved to Johnson County in 1918, he

sold the house to his son, John Martin Walker. At his death in 1935, he willed the house to his daughters, Rosalie Walker Allen and Mary Alice Walker. Rosalie Walker Allen is the present owner and resides here.

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57 **John Sharpe House**

Shortly after the Civil War, John Sharpe built this white clapboard house in Alston where he and his wife, Flora Morrison Sharpe, reared a family of ten children — Leonard, Marvin, Columbus, Theodore, Homer, Hoke, Mary, Viola, Stella, and Kathleen.

In the original house the dining room and kitchen were detached rooms located at the rear of the house. Sometime in the 1930s the floor plan of the house was rearranged to include these rooms in the main structure. The old mellow, heart-pine walls have remained unchanged throughout the house. In recent years vinyl siding has been added to the exterior.

Following the death of their parents in the late 1920s, Mary and Viola Adams continued to make their home here during their lifetime. Kathleen Sharpe Odom was the last child of John and Flora Morrison Sharpe to occupy the house. She willed the house to her three children, Douglas, Henrietta Odom Logue, and F. A. Odom, who presently resides in the house.

Only descendants of John Sharpe have owned or occupied this historic old house.

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58 **W. T. McArthur House**

This large white frame house was built by John C. B. Conner between 1875 and 1883 in McGregor and purchased by William Thomas McArthur, Sr., and his uncle, Lawrence Calhoun in 1883. A front addition was added in 1900. Otherwise, the house has remained relatively unchanged since it was built a century ago.

Early Montgomery County records indicate the important contributions made by William Thomas McArthur, Sr., in the development of

this area. He was a large landowner, planter, and naval store operator. He was instrumental in organizing the McGregor Presbyterian Church. Mr. McArthur served as President of the Mount Vernon Bank from 1912 to 1930.

In 1895 he married Ellen Gertrude Mobley. They had four children who were William Thomas, Jr., Erin, Sarah, and Henry Duncan. Following his wife's death, he married Mary Clyde McArthur, daughter of James Wesley and Elizabeth (Eliza) Conner McArthur. Four children born from this marriage were Margaret, James William, Nancy Ann, and Donald Alexander (Don). All eight McArthur children grew up in this house.

James William and Donald Alexander McArthur inherited the house from their mother and presently reside there.

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59 **Benjamin Conner House**

This Queen Anne-style house was built in 1902 by Benjamin Franklin Conner for his wife, Mary Calhoun Conner, and children, Lawrence, Arren, Mamie, Thomas, Eva, and Lillian on Highway 280 between McGregor and Higgston. In 1947 Thomas Conner inherited the house, and under his ownership the house was renovated.

The symmetrical placement of the two front gables, the lengthy porch with balustrade, and the spindle-work detailing in the frieze extending around the porch add architectural distinction to this turn-of-the-century dwelling.

In 1990 John Wilson Conner acquired the house from the heirs of Thomas Conner. Mr. Conner, a great grandson of the original owner, Benjamin Franklin Conner, plans to restore the house and grounds.

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60 **Franklin McArthur House**

In 1840 this large frame house located on the Mount Vernon-Uvalda Road in the community of Long Pond was built by John W. McArthur, who was a large planter and also engaged in the

lumber business. He, his wife, Mary Cook Ryals McArthur, and children — Ferdinand, Bruce Alexander, and Ada Marie — lived here for many years.

At one time John W. McArthur's son, Ferdinand, lived here with his mother, Mary Cook Ryals McArthur, and his two children, Velma and William Clement.

Following their occupancy Earl McArthur, the son of Ferdinand and Ora Eudell McAllister McArthur, lived here with his wife, Mattie Mae Miller McArthur, and son, William Franklin McArthur.

William Franklin McArthur and his wife, Carolyn Grogan McArthur, lived here from 1945 to 1957. Their son, Bill McArthur, was the fifth generation descendant of John W. McArthur to occupy the house.

61 **Dr. John Henry McArthur House**

In 1884 Dr. John Henry McArthur graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta with distinction. Besides from being a competent and popular physician in the vicinity of Long Pond, he was a planter and naval store operator. Dr. McArthur served as the first President of the Mount Vernon Bank from the time the bank was organized in 1900 until his death in 1912. He was also one of the first trustees of Union Baptist Institute, now Brewton-Parker College.

Sometime between 1882 and 1886, Dr. McArthur built this white frame house. The full-width porch supported by evenly-spaced square columns joined by a simple balustrade, exterior-end chimneys, a front door surrounded by narrow sidelights and a rectangular line of transom lights give this house its architectural distinction and charm.

In 1890 he married Anna Lucretia Mobley, and they lived here during their lifetime. Their two children, Charlotte Louise and John Herman, grew up in the house.

Charlotte Louise McArthur Moses inherited the house from her mother. Her son, Bill Henry Moses, came into possession of the house. His daughter, Susan Moses Shropshire, is the present owner of this well-maintained house.

62

Joe Jack McAllister House

This house was built in the early 1800s by Christopher Columbus McAllister on the Old River Road in Long Pond. He lived here with his wife, Sarah Jane McArthur, and ten children, who were John Christopher, Elza Columbus, Isiah Parks, Clementine Gertrude (Clemmie), Joseph Jackson (Joe Jack), Robert Newton, Alice Joe, Lillie Joe, Sarah Newtie, and Herbert Herschel (Homer).

His bachelor son, Joseph Jackson (Joe Jack), inherited the house and lived here during his lifetime. The house is now owned by the Hugh Peterson Estate.

63

Wells House

Located seven miles south of Mount Vernon on the Long Pond-McGregor Road stands a white clapboard, green-shuttered country home. This dwelling was built by Edward (Ed) James Wells in the late 1800s and has always remained in the Wells Family.

Edward (Ed) James Wells and his wife, Ella Victoria Johnson Wells, who was the daughter of Peter Johnson and Mary Louisa Conner Johnson, raised nine children here. Wells children were Ruby Laura, James Edward, Jr., Dollie, Minnie, Hobson, Lamar, Clara, Naomi, and Esta.

Lamar Wells inherited the house from his father, and he and his wife, Evia Dell Kea Wells, lived here with their four children: Annella, Lamar, Jr., Warren Kea, and Jere Howard. During their ownership the house has been extensively renovated.

Mrs. Wells' love of flowers and shrubbery and collection of antiques add considerable

beauty and charm to this century-old house and grounds.

Evia Dell Kea Wells and son, Jere, continue to make their home here.

64 Alexander Homer Johnson House

Alexander Homer Johnson built this frame house in 1898 on property in Long Pond which was homesteaded by the Johnson family in the 1800s.

The house with its steeply pitched, side-gabled roof, symmetrical facade, two exterior chimneys on the gable walls, porch balustrade and gingerbread ornamentation, which is original, give this Folk Victorian farm house its distinctiveness.

Alexander Homer Johnson married Irene Daniel on January 16, 1895. They had four children who grew up in this house — Nellie Eulalia, Johnnie Irene, Annie, and Homer. Nellie and Johnnie Johnson inherited the house from their mother, Irene Daniel Johnson.

Nellie Johnson died in September, 1983. In 1984 John H. Johnson, a great-grandson of the original owner, Alexander Homer Johnson, and his wife, Mary Alice Kirkland Johnson, purchased the house. They soon began renovating the house, but at the same time retaining the intrinsic character of the old house. Since childhood Mary Alice Johnson has been collecting antiques and memorabilia, and these, along with family heirlooms, add considerable charm to this old dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Johnson presently reside in this family home.

65 Peter Johnson House

Peter Johnson, the son of Alexander and Mary Webster Johnson, left his family in Long Pond to serve in the Civil War where he became a Confederate War hero.

After the war Peter Johnson returned to his beloved Long Pond and employed Ed Wells to build this large Victorian-style farmhouse in 1882.

The dwelling, built from heart pine from Peter Johnson's own sawmill, has many distinctive characteristics — well-balanced facade, two-tiered porch with its decorative detailing, perfectly spaced columns connected by a balustrade, exterior-end chimneys made from clay found at Dame's Branch which adjoins the property — all blend to make this historic house an architectural gem.

Peter Johnson lived here with his wife, Mary Louisa Conner Johnson, daughter of Clinton Dewitt and Martha Sharpe Conner, and their three children, Ella Victoria, William Alexander, and Martha Elizabeth (Mattie). Peter Johnson left this house to his daughter, Martha Elizabeth (Mattie) Johnson McArthur. She lived here with her husband, Bruce Alexander McArthur, and three children who were Mary Louise, Julia Dean, and Richard Alexander. Martha Elizabeth (Mattie) Johnson McArthur willed the house to her daughter, Mary Louise McArthur, who later deeded the house to her sister, Julia Dean McArthur Wilson.

The house was structurally sound but in need of restoration when Hunter Johnson, a grandson of the original owner, purchased the house in 1984 from Julia Dean McArthur Wilson. He and his wife, Faye Ivey Johnson, soon began to restore the house without in any way compromising its historic character.

The present owners are Mrs. Hunter Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sidney Johnson. Mr. Johnson is a great-grandson of Peter Johnson.

In 1988 the Peter Johnson House received an award from the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for "An Outstanding Restoration of a Residential Structure for Its Original Use."

This wonderful old Long Pond house is a tangible reminder to present and future descendants of Peter Johnson of their outstanding heritage.

66 T. L. McArthur House

John Jay McArthur built this house around 1872 in the Long Pond Community. He occupied the house with his wife, Marie Patterson McArthur, and one child, Marie Eudell McArthur, who died with typhoid fever at 12 years of age. John Jay McArthur left Trinity College (now Duke University) to serve in the Civil War where he attained the rank of Captain. He represented Montgomery County in the General Assembly in 1868 and 1876. He had large farming interests.

Shortly after his brother's death in 1902, James Wesley McArthur moved into the house with his wife, Elizabeth (Eliza) Conner McArthur. Ten children were born to James Wesley and Elizabeth (Eliza) Conner McArthur who were Walter Benton, Willie Theodore, James Jefferson, John Jay, Ruby, Sarah, Anna L., Thomas Conner, and Mary Clyde.

Thomas Conner McArthur, a large planter and naval store operator, inherited the house and moved in following his mother's death in 1914. He lived here with his wife, Allie Downie McArthur, and four children, Tommie Lee, James Alexander (Jim A.), Sarah Lou, and John Jay.

Tommie Lee McArthur inherited the house from his father and lives here with his wife, Helen Fountain McArthur. Their daughter, Martha Allie McArthur, was reared in the house.

67 Elza McAllister House

Elza McAllister built this house in the late 1800s in Long Pond on land ~~adj~~ adjoining the Peter Johnson House. He lived here with his wife, Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) Conner and seven

children who were Viola Bell, William Frederick, Mack, Lee Ann Pearl, Henry Grady, Annie Lou and Charles Brooks.

Their son, Henry Grady McAllister, acquired the house. For many years his two sisters, Viola Bell and Pearl McAllister Moses, lived in the house. Henry Grady McAllister, Jr. inherited the house from his father. At his death the house passed to his widow, who in 1980 sold the property to Austin and Frank Morris. From 1981 to 1985 Randall and Debbie Morris occupied the house. In 1985 Howard Morris purchased the house and is the present owner and occupant. During his ownership the house has been extensively remodeled, yet the charm of the old house still remains.

68 Willie Johnson House

Millard McAllister built this frame house for Mr. and Mrs. Joe McAllister which is located in the Long Pond Community. Their son, Carl McAllister, acquired the house later selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walden, who moved to Long Pond from Laurens County. The Waldens only occupied the house a short time. William (Willie) Alexander Johnson purchased the house from Tom Walden and moved into the house after his house in Long Pond burned.

William (Willie) Alexander Johnson, a leader in the community where he lived during his entire lifetime, continued to operate the sawmill his father, Peter Johnson, began many years ago. Willie Johnson lived in this house with his wife, Esther Gertrude Currie Johnson, and ten children who were Albert Sidney, Peter, Willie Gertrude, Currie Dee, Carl Thomas, Margaret Eloise, Archie China, Harry Wilbur (Jack), Joe Edward, and Francis Hunter.

His son, Peter Johnson, acquired the house and lived here with his wife, Thelma McAllister, and two children, William Peter and Luanne.

William Peter Johnson, a grandson of William Alexander Johnson, is the present owner of the house.

69 Mac McAllister House

This house was built in the late 1800s in the community of Long Pond. Mac McAllister, son of Elza Columbus and Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie) Conner McAllister, lived here with his wife, Mae Carpenter McAllister, and daughter, Florabel.

Florabel McAllister Crews is the present owner.

70 Dr. Bill Moses House

When Dr. William (Bill) Martin Moses completed his medical training at the University of Tennessee, he soon came back to his hometown of Uvalda to begin an outstanding medical career that spanned more than half a century.

In 1916 just two years after Dr. Bill Moses married Charlotte Louise McArthur, he engaged Dud Williams to build this white frame house on Main Street in Uvalda as his family home. Their son, William (Bill) Henry Moses was reared in the house and lived here until his marriage in 1950 to Margueritte Grogan.

This dwelling has always been occupied by the Dr. Bill Moses family and is now owned by their grandson, Dr. Bill H. Moses, Jr.

71 J. Milton Brogdon

Jim Jones, who came to Uvalda from Montrose, Georgia, built this house about 1911 at the triangle formed by Highway 221 and Myrtle Street in Uvalda.

The heart-pine lumber used in the construction of this large white clapboard house was purchased in Coffee County and shipped by rail to Uvalda.

The double front doors lead into a hall, eight-feet wide and extend^{ing} seventy feet to the well on the back porch. There were four rooms on one side of the hall, two rooms and a bath on the opposite side. The house's wrap-around porch with balustrade and the steeply pitched

roof with the twin-cross gables are characteristics of the Queen Anne style which was so popular during this era.

Many Uvalda citizens remember this house as once being a popular boarding house, as well as the first home for many young newly married couples who were just beginning housekeeping.

In 1952 Joseph Milton Brogdon, a local banker, cattleman, and farmer, purchased the house for rental property from a Mrs. Fields who lived in Vidalia. Later it became the family home for the Brogdon's — Milton, his wife, Hester Campbell Brogdon, and their two children, Sarah and Joe. During the Brogdon's ownership many improvements have been made to this well-maintained house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Milton Brogdon presently reside here.

72 J. B. Brogdon House

This dwelling is located on Main Street in Uvalda. It was constructed by a Mr. Lynn for Jonathan Badger Brogdon.

Jonathan Badger Brogdon and his wife, Georgia Wallace Brogdon, moved into their new home in February 1911. Their three sons were born here. Wallace Brogdon, their oldest son, excelled in the field of education obtaining a Doctor of Education Degree. Their second son, Joseph Milton Brogdon, organized the Brogdon State Bank in Uvalda and served as President for many years. The third son of J. B. and Georgia Wallace Brogdon had an untimely death in 1946.

Following the death of Mr. and Mrs. Brogdon, the house was sold to James Carpenter. The Bennie Hugh Sammons family presently owns and occupies the house.

73 Dr. J. P. Collins House

This house ~~was~~ located on the corner of Main and Beulah Streets in Uvalda was built by Dr. J. P. Collins and occupied by him and his

family. In subsequent years this dwelling was occupied by the P. J. McNatt family and J. Frank Partin. The house has recently been sold to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foskey, who reside here.

74 **Calhoun-Moses House**

William (Billy) Calhoun, who served in the Civil War, was a large planter and merchant, having a store at Long Pond.

It was not until around 1918 after his children were grown and most were married and living in their own homes that he and his wife, Missouri McArthur Calhoun, built this house on the corner of Main and Beulah Streets in Uvalda.

Following the death of Mrs. McArthur in 1926, Alice and Dewitt Calhoun made their home here along with a sister, Etta Mobley Sumner, and Abbie Mobley Calhoun.

In the early 1970s this large frame house with its wrap-around porch was extensively remodeled.

Lloyd Edward and Pennie Downie Moses are the present owners. Their children, Arren and Kate, are the sixth generation of Calhouns to live here.

75 **James B. and R. O. Moss Home**

Built in the early 1900s, this is believed to be the first house built after the town of Uvalda was established. The house was originally built for a Mr. Mills, who worked for the railroad.

This dwelling originally sat on the land presently occupied by the Methodist Parsonage. It was moved to its present location on the corner of Main and Beulah Streets and several rooms were added to the front of the house.

Bernice Gray Moss presently owns and occupies the house.

76 **J. P. Calhoun House**

James Preston Calhoun was a merchant operating a store in Long Pond. When the town of Uvalda was established, he relocated his business here.

This frame house was built about 1909 for James Preston Calhoun and his wife, Abbie Mobley Calhoun, on Main Street in Uvalda.

In 1971 Robert H. Mobley, Jr. restored the house making it more adaptable to present-day living.

Gary and Karen Wilson are the present owners.

77 **John William Calhoun House**

John William (Willie) Calhoun had this house constructed on a corner lot on Main and Warren Streets in Uvalda between 1908 and 1909 just prior to his marriage to Alma McBride. This dwelling was the second house completed after the town of Uvalda was established.

Willie Calhoun had numerous business interests, but primarily he was a large planter. He and his wife, Alma, had four children, Margaret (first child born in the town of Uvalda), Wilbur, Henry, and Robert Hugh. These Calhoun children were born and reared in this house.

After his wife's death in 1940, Willie Calhoun shared his house with relatives, friends, and teachers who needed a temporary home. In 1952 shortly before Willie Calhoun died, a granddaughter, Carolyn (Bebe) Boswell Moses, and her husband, Edward Calhoun Moses, shared the house with him. The Moses children, Lloyd, Edward and Lynn Boswell, grew up in the house.

During the 1960s the Moses engaged the architectural firm of Harris-Yates and Company to plan and supervise an extensive renovation — porches were removed, roofline changed, fireplaces removed for closet space, a bathroom added, and a backporch enclosed. In the early 1970s a carport and office were added to the residence.

Mrs. Edward Calhoun Moses is the present owner and resides in this appealing and inviting home.

78 **Austin Bendimire House**

This dwelling was built between 1909 and 1910 on the corner of Broad and Oak Streets in Uvalda. Only members of the Bendimire family have lived here. Tommy Bendimire presently resides in the house.

79 **Tupper Moses House**

James Joshua (Tupper) Moses built this house in 1901 on Beulah Street in Uvalda. This dwelling's steeply pitched, hipped roof, symmetrical facade, two-tiered porch, Queen Anne-turned spindles, and balustrades are characteristics of the Victorian era in architecture.

Tupper Moses, a large ~~painter~~^{planter} and naval store operator, lived here with his wife, Louise Calhoun Moses and their eight children — Henry Arthur, Myrtle, William Martin, Emmett Tupper, James Preston, Beulah, John Edward, and Mary Ethel.

John Edward Moses and his family were the last members of the Moses family to occupy this home.

80 **John C., Dixon House**

This frame house located on the corner of Beulah and Myrtle Streets was built between 1910 and 1912 and is perhaps referred to more often in recent times as the Eustus and Ethel Gordon Craft house.

It is presently occupied by Sara Goff.

81 **Henry Arthur Moses, Sr.**

This house was built in 1910 by Henry Arthur Moses, Sr. on Myrtle Street in Uvalda where he lived with his wife, Effie Thurmond Moses, and children who were Henry Arthur, Jr., Maxwell, and Etta Mae.

Prior to moving to town to occupy this house, the family had lived in the country where they had occupied a similar house.

This dwelling has always been occupied by members of the Moses family and Maxwell Moses, the present owner, lives here.

82 **Telephone Company House**

The Telephone Company House was built on the corner of Warren and Myrtle Street in Uvalda by the Stanford family of Mount Vernon for the purpose of providing telephone service to the new town of Uvalda. The telephone company was operated from this house by Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson, who also occupied the house. Subsequent operators of the telephone company as well as occupants of the house were Louise Williams, the Swearingen family, and the Alfred Brown family. In 1950 following the death of Mrs. Brown, the company was sold to a Mr. Nelson. The present occupants of the house are Calvin and Pat Connell.

83 **Jim Sammons House**

John B. Conner built this frame house in the mid-1800s on land located just outside the city limits of Uvalda (now known as the extension of Beulah Street). Mr. Conner lived here with his wife, Emma.

The old part of the house has always remained unchanged. During the time the Bob Morris family occupied the house, two rooms were added and more porches were built to accommodate his large family.

In 1943 James (Jim) Harold Sammons acquired the house from Mary Aikens. His son, Claude, inherited the house from his mother, Nira McCoy Sammons. He and his wife, Mildred Gibbs Sammons, reared five children: Melba, Bennie Hugh, William Colon, Edward Darrell, and James (Jimmy) Harold. During their ownership the house was remodeled — the front porch was removed and another porch was enclosed to make living and dining rooms.

Mildred Gibbs Sammons continues to live here.

84 Gibbs House

This house built in the mid-1800s and located on the Uvalda-Cedar Crossing Road was built of hand-hewn timbers morticed together with pegs. It also had a stick and mud chimney. All these characteristics have been important factors in determining the age of this dwelling.

The H. J. Gibbs Family is believed to be one of the first families to occupy the house. J. B. Brogdon purchased the house from the H. J. Gibbs Estate. In 1956 Mr. Brogdon sold the house to the John C. Morris Family, and it is now rental property.

85 Clifton House

This dwelling, located on the Uvalda-Cedar Crossing Road, was built sometime between 1904 and 1906 for Jim Clifton and his wife, Addie.

Their son, Jim Paul Clifton, inherited the house and lived here with his wife, Norma Jean King Clifton, and children: Jim Paul, Jr., Jane, and Joe. Mrs. Jim Paul Clifton presently owns and occupies the house.

86 McLemore-Conner House

In the late 1800s Ira Travis McLemore purchased 300 acres of land from his father, Chesley McLemore, on U.S. Highway 280 in Higgston and built a four-room, white clapboard farm house. It was here that he, his wife, Anne Coursey McLemore, raised five children: Whitney, Sota, Alice Vivian, Thomas Edgar, and Ira Oglethorpe.

In the 1940s a daughter, Alice Vivian McLemore Conner, purchased the house from the McLemore Estate. Mrs. Conner restored the house without basically altering the general character of the charming old dwelling. The original dining room and kitchen still stand at the rear of the house and is connected to the main structure by a long narrow back porch.

Anna Conner Perkins, a granddaughter of the original owner, Ira Travis McLemore, is the present owner.

87 Elza Almond House

The Elza Almond House, located just south of the railroad on Highway 29 in Higgston, was built by Joseph Harrison Fulghum in the late 1800s.

Around the turn-of-the-century this two-story structure was used for a mercantile business on the lower floor and living quarters on the second floor.

In the early 1940s, it was converted into two apartments, one of which the T. R. Allmond family occupied until 1959. It is presently owned by T. R. Allmond, a nephew of the original owner.

88 Conner-Dickson House

This house, located on James Street (Highway 29) in Higgston, was built before the turn-of-the-century. The lot was purchased from James Higgs by C. S. Hamilton in 1891. The first occupants were the E. F. Allmond family.

In the early 1900s Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Conner purchased the house which was then on the corner of Marshall and McCrimmon Streets. Mrs. Bessie Haines Conner inherited the house from her husband who died in 1911. She later married a schoolteacher, J. R. Dickson. In the 1930s they moved the house to its present location. Because of declining health, in 1953 the Dicksons moved to Beaufort, South Carolina to live with a daughter.

After being used as rental property for 25 years, in the mid-1970s a daughter, LaFaye Dickson, returned to Higgston to occupy the house where she still resides.

89 Edmunds-Gay-Swann-Wilkes House

This house, located on Cone Street in Higgston, was built by Plato Durham Edmunds in

1901. He gave it to his wife, Lee S. Ganey Edmunds.

It was in this house that J. Ollie Edmunds was born. During his adult life, he served as president of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida. Dr. J. Ollie Edmunds also served as University Chancellor until his death in 1984.

Lee S. Ganey Edmunds sold the house and two lots to Elizabeth Gay in 1906. Mrs. Gay willed the house to her daughter, Lula Gay Swann, who reared a large family here.

In the early 1940s when Henry and Lee Peterson Wilkes and son, Lennon, were forced to give up their home in the Aimwell Community so that the Vidalia Air Force Base could be constructed during World War II, they moved into this house.

This old home is currently occupied by Steven Wilkes, a grandson of Henry Wilkes, and his family.

90 **Bob and Minnie Collins House**

The Collins house, located on Highway 292 across the road from the Higgston Baptist Church, was originally built as a tenant house at the time Higgston was a flourishing sawmill town in the late 1800s. This house was on the property of Floyd Johnson who sold it to Arren Conner.

In 1946 the house was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins who renovated it. The Collins' lived here until Mrs. Collins' death in 1971.

The house is presently occupied by I. J. West, Jr., a grandson of the R. L. Collins'.

91 **McQueen House**

John D. McQueen left North Carolina in the early 1820s and settled in Vidalia. He soon discovered that the land was too hard to plow. Consequently, he moved to a new location north of Higgston in hopes of finding better soil to cultivate. It was here that he built this log house for his family. Today, only the back portion of

the house is original as the front rooms were destroyed by fire and had to be rebuilt with lumber.

Angus McQueen came into possession of the property in 1829. At his death, his daughter, Lizzie McQueen Allmond inherited the property. She and her husband, Charlie, lived here for many years. At her death she willed the house to a niece, Bessie Higgs Austin. In the mid-1900s the house was extensively restored.

David Smith, a cousin of Mrs. Austin, is the present owner.

92 **Jesse Morris House**

Jesse Morris bought a tract of land from George W. McCrimmon on June 23, 1851. Soon afterwards he built his home near Higgston which is located two miles north of McGregor on what was once known as the Morris Settlement. It was in this log house that Jesse Morris raised his family. He also farmed this land.

S. L. Morris, a grandson, received the land from his grandfather. He continued to live in the house and reared his family here. He also cultivated the land that was once farmed by his grandfather. At various times during the years the house was remodeled and enlarged.

S. L. Morris died on July 4, 1959. That same year Robert Morris purchased the property from the heirs of S. L. Morris. He and his wife Jean reared their three children here.

This restored country house has been home to seven generations of the Jesse Morris family.

93 **Charles S. Hamilton House**

This pre-Civil War dwelling was built by Charles Stringer Hamilton in the community of Kibbee. He lived here with his wife, Ruth Ann Williams Hamilton and children — Charles, Bennie F., George W., Mollie, Lamar, Arthur, and Shelley.

Shelley W. Hamilton inherited the house from his father. He and his wife, Lucile Memory Hamilton, reared three children here who were Charles Shelley, Ruth Ann Editha, and Kenneth.

Johnnie Mae Hamilton, widow of Kenneth Hamilton, is the present owner and resides in this historic house.

94 William Riley Adams House

This dwelling was built by William Riley Adams in Kibbee. Adams lived here with his wife, Holly Hamilton Adams, and twelve children.

Emma Adams Palmer inherited the house from the Estate of William Riley Adams. She left the house to her daughter, Sarepta Palmer Griffin, and her son, Reggie Griffin, is the present owner and occupant.

95 Andrew Jackson Williamson House

Andrew Jackson Williamson built this house in the Williamson Settlement north of Kibbee. His son, J. H. Williamson, inherited the house and lived here with his wife, Sadie Phillips Williamson and family.

Herman Williamson, a son of J. H. Williamson, is the present owner.

96 Waller House

This house was built on First Street in Tarrytown in 1906 by Phillip P. Waller. He lived here with his wife, Mattie New Waller, and children, Parker, Luther, Dan, Louise, Iwona, Leila, Ray, and Fanibell.

Parker Waller and his wife, Latha Cauley Waller, also lived here.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Page are the present owners.

97 Anderson House

In 1847 Samuel Hargrove Calhoun married Lucinda Hamilton. Shortly thereafter he built this plantation-style house on Third Street in Tar-

rytown. The walls of the original house are made of logs.

In the mid-1920s the house was bought by a great-niece of Lucinda Hamilton Calhoun, Ora Hamilton Anderson, and her husband, Robert Anderson. Their son, Warren H. Anderson, is the present owner.

This house is considered to be the oldest house now standing in Tarrytown.

98 Calhoun House

This house was built in 1900 by Martha Calhoun and is located on Third Street in Tarrytown. At one time Floyd and Mary Duncan Calhoun occupied the house. Their son, Cary Calhoun is the present owner.

99 Elton Braddy House

This dwelling, located on Third Street in Tarrytown, was built in 1906 by Jodie D. Palmer and Betty Braddy Palmer. They reared three children, who were J. D., Nell, and Ruth, in this house.

Elton Braddy and his wife, Darrell, acquired the house and lived here for many years.

Mrs. Jmon Warnock, the present owner, purchased the house from the Elton and Darrell Braddy Estate.

100 Miller House

Located on Third Street in Tarrytown, J. T. Warnock built this house in 1906.

Some of the first occupants were Hardy and Lida Warnock, after which were Herman and Rose Bud Warnock. Lizzie Warnock Miller and children — LaVada, Nora, Claudie Mae, and Idonia — lived here for many years.

In 1990 Mrs. Jmon Warnock, who is the present owner, purchased the house from Nora Miller Smith.

My great-great-grandparents

101 Charlie McGahee House

This house was built in 1899 by Charlie and Ida McGahee on Fourth Street in Tarrytown. Jimmy Waller is the present owner.

102 D. F. Warnock House

This frame house was built on Fourth Street in Tarrytown by Daniel Foster Warnock, ca. 1910. He lived here with his wife, Beatrice Flanders Warnock, and two children, Daniel Foster, Jr., and Herman. Daniel Foster Warnock, Jr. was born in the house shortly after it was built.

Daniel Foster Warnock, Jr. and his wife, Cornelia Witherington Warnock, lived here and reared five boys — Foster, Larry, Garland, Timothy and Davis — here.

Mrs. Cornelia Witherington Warnock is the present owner.

103 J. T. Warnock House

Built in 1902 by James Tillman Warnock just shortly before his marriage to Dora Braddy, this frame house is located on Fourth Street in Tarrytown.

Mr. Warnock had extensive landholdings, was a merchant, and also served in the House of Representatives.

This house was built of heart pine and began as a five-room house. In 1935 three additional rooms were added.

Mr. and Mrs. Warnock lived here during their lifetime rearing eight children in the house who were Walton, Mildred, Florence, Carlton, Tillman, Dewitt, Jmon and Mabrey.

A daughter of J. T. Warnock, Mildred Warnock Hilton, and her husband, Chester Hilton, purchased the house and currently reside here.

104 Warnock Clubhouse

The Warnock Clubhouse was built in 1890 by Jake Beckworth and is located on Fourth

Street in Tarrytown. In recent years this house has been moved across the pond to its present location. This building is used primarily for Warnock family gatherings, and Jmon Warnock is the present owner.

105 Hughes-Barwick House

This dwelling was built by Soperton Mayor George D. Hughes ca. 1910 at 307 West Railroad Avenue. Later owned by the Lott Barwick Family. Mrs. Ruby Mullis Barwick is the present owner.

106 Lowrey-Evans-Weigand House

Soperton pioneer J. L. Lowrey built this house at 212 South Third Street, ca. 1912. The present owners, Ned and Louise Weigand, have beautifully restored the house.

107 McCrimmon-Walker-Holton House

Walter T. McCrimmon, Soperton banker and businessman, built this dwelling in 1902 at 506 South Third Street. The house was later restored by Soperton Mayor and businessman James T. Waller. Present owners are Billy P. and Wynocka Braddy Holton.

108 Mishoe-Hall House

This house was built at 105 College Street by Soperton's first elected Mayor, Wiley Mishoe ca. 1903. It is the birthplace of U. S. District Judge Robert H. Hall. A previous owner, Jerome W. Lilly, restored the house. William and Rachel Rain are the present owners.

109 Dr. George M. Barwick House

Dr. George M. Barwick, Treutlen County's first State Representative, built this dwelling at 611 Eastman Road. The house has been restored and modified by the present owner, Donna Sue Smith Raiford.

110 Judge Neil L. Gillis House

Judge Neil L. Gillis, Sr., known as the Father of Treutlen County, built this house about five miles north of Soperton on U. S. Highway 221 (State Highway 56) at the intersection of Highway 86 ca. 1911. This house was featured in **The Atlanta Journal** in 1919 as "Treutlen's Most Beautiful Home."

111 Johnson-Barnhill-Fields House

This house was built ca. 1880 by a prominent Lothair family and is located on Georgia ~~Highway~~ ^{Highway} 199 in the Lothair Community. A previous owner, Julia Fair McCrimmon, restored the house. Present owners are Donald and Latricia Graham Rotton.

112 Judge John D. Evans House

This two-story log structure was built ca. 1875 by Lothair pioneer, Judge John D. Evans, Justice of the Peace and close friend and companion of Alexander H. Stephens. Located on Georgia Highway 199 (Spur) in the Lothair Community, the house is presently owned by Kenny Hooks.

113 Matthews-Mosley House

Around 1870 a Lothair merchant, George Matthews, built this log structure on Georgia Highway 199 (Spur) in the Lothair Community. The dwelling was later owned by another Lothair merchant, Brantley A. Mosley. The present owner is Johnny Nobles.

114 Kent-Clark House

J. Herschel Kent and his wife, Mary Clark Kent and children, who were Lavorsia Washington Kent, Roy Lee Kent, and Iva (who died in infancy), moved into this house, located on Main Street in Glenwood, in 1909. Other children born in the house were Otha Uriah, Erma William, Mary Ella, Foy Ernest, and Grace.

Martha Beckworth Kent lived here with her son, J. Herschel Kent, and his family until ~~his~~ ^{her} death in 1926.

Mr. Kent hired local carpenters and directed his own construction. This house had low ceilings which was somewhat unusual for a dwelling built during this decade. He constructed a pump house with a deep well. Also in the pump house was a bathtub, a high watertower, and Delco motor to provide running water in the house.

J. Herschel Kent gave the house and surrounding block of land to his daughter, Mary Ella. She and her husband, Lowell L. Clark, lived here and reared two children in this house — Lowell Clark, Jr. and Grace Doshia Clark. Under the Clark's ownership, the house was extensively remodeled in the 1950s. Mary Kent Clark owns and occupies the house.

115 Dr. Rivers House

The Dr. W. A. Rivers House is located on the corner of Second Avenue and Highway 19 in Glenwood. The original house was built in 1890. In 1910 the house was added on to. The interior floors, ceilings, and most of the walls located downstairs are constructed of long-leaf yellow pine.

The outside structure of the house has not been altered except for a new back porch and a six-foot picket fence located at the rear of the house. The white privacy fence that surrounds the white clapboard house has been there nearly as long as the house has.

116 Colson House

This white frame house was built on Third Avenue in Glenwood by Dr. Martin Morrison in 1900. In 1924 Dr. Dell C. Colson, who practiced medicine in Glenwood for many years, purchased the house from Dr. Morrison. Dr. Colson lived here with his wife, Bessie McAllister Colson, and two children, Grady and Elizabeth.

my great-great-grandmother

Following the death of Bessie McAllister Colson, Dr. Colson married Jesse Mae Peterson. They continued to live in the house along with Dr. Colson's children.

After the death of Mrs. Colson, Elizabeth Colson Barnhill, inherited the house. Mrs. Barnhill died in 1986 and left the house to her two sons Grady Colson Barnhill and James Edwin Barnhill, III. At the present time the house is rental property.

117

Morrison House

Alexander (Alex) Morrison built this frame house in the late 1890s in Glenwood where he lived with his wife Corinne Ryals Morrison, and children who were Della, Vera, Ewell, Malcolm and Ovid.

In the early 1900s John Wesley Morrison purchased the house from his brother, Alexander Morrison. Vela Morrison Britt and Eloise Morrison Underwood inherited the house from their father, John Wesley Morrison. This property has always remained in the Underwood family.

118

John L. Morrison House

This white clapboard house was built in 1905 by John L. (Bud) Morrison on the Snow Hill Road in Wheeler County.

This four-room house had a walkway to the dining room and kitchen which was located at the rear of the house.

Bud Morrison lived here with his wife Clifton Ary Adams Morris, and their eleven children who were Mannie, Catherine, Dale, John Elvin, Lola Lee, Hattie Demaris, William Rue, Olive, Ina, Atha, Mathias Alden and Cliffola.

A daughter, Atha Morrison McDaniel, inherited the house and she and her husband, Smith McDaniel, occupy the house.

119

Burkhalter House

This dwelling was built sometime between 1860 and 1866 by Benjamin Ramsey Burkhalter, Sr. on the Snow Hill Road.

Today it is used by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ramsey Burkhalter, Jr. as a second home.

120

McArthur-Winship House

Soon after the Civil War, Walter T. McArthur began the development of his father's property as a timber plantation. In 1870 McArthur employed Captain Renwick from Savannah and two European artisans — Johnus Thormaholon from Germany and a Mr. Murry from Scotland — to erect a large manor house on this plantation.

When completed around 1877 at a reported cost of \$25,000, this Gothic Revival mansion became known as "Woodland" and stood on a four-acre corner lot at the intersection of Highway 19 and Old Bell Ferry Road in Wheeler County.

The weatherboarded, L-shaped house with its front twin gables, bracketed roofline, window cornices, bay windows, and elaborate sawnwork porch and gable detailing are all characteristics which give this Victorian Eclectic country house its architectural distinction.

The particularly fine Italian marble mantels, the woodwork throughout the house, the pressed-metal cornices and ceiling and expansive floor plan make this one of the most beautiful houses in Georgia.

Following Walter T. McArthur's death in 1894, his son, Douglas S. McArthur, inherited the house and land. In 1917, Emory Winship, a member of a socially prominent Macon family, purchased the house and used it as a hunting lodge for many years. In subsequent years the ownership of the property passed to Reese Frederick Jordan and his brother, Charles McArthur Jordan, who later became sole owner.

In recent years Joe Frazier of Hazlehurst purchased the property, and it was during his ownership that the house was extensively remodeled under the architectural planning and supervision of W. Frank McCall, AIA, of Moultrie, Georgia. The present owner is Peggy Kurtz.

In 1984 Woodlawn was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

121 **Thomas Jordan House**

This house was built and occupied by Daniel and Abigail McLaughlin McArthur before the Civil War. This historic house is located 10 miles south of Glenwood at the intersection of Georgia Highway 19 and 126.

The house consisted of two parts — a front porch with a center hall between the two rooms on either side. Originally the kitchen and dining room were built away from the main house. In later years they were connected to one of the rooms of the main house.

After the death of her husband, Abigail McLaughlin McArthur reared five daughters and took over the operation of their large farming and other business holdings. Their only son was killed during the Civil War.

The youngest daughter of Daniel and Abigail McLaughlin McArthur, Eliza Katherine McArthur, married Jacob Thomas Jordan. Two sons, Reese Frederick Jordan and Charles McArthur Jordan, were born from this marriage. Jacob Thomas Jordan acquired this property from the McArthur heirs, and his family continued to live here.

Mrs. Katherine Jordan Stewart, a daughter of Reese Frederick Jordan, presently owns the house.

122 **Reese Frederick Jordan House**

This house was built in 1908 for Reese Frederick Jordan by a Mr. Renwick from Savannah, Mr. Murray from Scotland, and Johnus

Thormaholon from Germany. J. T. Jordan supervised the construction. It is located 10 miles south of Glenwood at the intersection of Georgia Highways 19 and 126.

The house consisted of four rooms with a center hall and dining room and kitchen. The house had a front porch which extended down the side where the dining room and kitchen were located.

The buildings located on the property consisted of a syrup house (the front side of the building had a Delco battery system which supplied power to the house before electricity reached this area), a mule barn and a dairy barn. There was also a tower with a container for water that operated on the law of gravity for supplying the house with running water before the days of automatic pumps.

Reese Jordan, who served as both a Representative and a Senator in the Georgia State Legislature from Wheeler County, lived here with his two daughters, Leila and Katherine. His wife, Leila Burnette, died when his second daughter, Leila, was born. He later married Kathleen Knox, and they had a son, Reese Frederick, Jr., who died at six years of age, and two daughters, Rebecca Jane and Lucy Knox.

In 1968 James Benham Stewart, Jr., a grandson of Reese Frederick Jordan, moved into the house with his wife, Louise Lamar Stewart, and two children, Louise Lamar, and James Benham Stewart, III. During his ownership the house was renovated. Under the name of Singing Pines Plantation, James Benham Stewart, III continues the family tradition of managing family timber holdings, in addition to raising registered Palomino quarter horses.

123 **Warren Pope House**

This white clapboard house located in the Landsburg Community in Wheeler County looks much the same today as it did when it was built for Warren Pope before the Civil War.

Basically the main structure of the house has remained unchanged. However, ceilings have been lowered; an addition added to the rear; and the house's foundation has been lowered and underpinned.

Warren Pope left the house to his daughter, Eva Pope Lowery, who lived here until 1958 when John Heath acquired the house. In 1964 Walter Emmett Gillis, a great-grandson of Warren Pope, purchased the house, and he and his wife, Jewell, continue to make their home here.

124

John T. Pope House

This log house was built in the Landsburg Community around the turn-of-the-century for John Thomas Pope, Sr. The heart-pine timber used in the house came from trees growing on the plantation.

The house consisted of one large room and three small bedrooms at the rear. There was a front and backporch. The kitchen and dining room were detached from the main structure. Furniture in the dining room was locally crafted.

John Thomas Pope, Jr. inherited the house from his father, and he and his family occupied it. At his death the house and land went to his son, John Thomas Pope, III. In the late 1940s John Thomas Pope, III sold the house to Ada Pope Elam.

125

Currie House

This pre-Civil War house was built by a Mr. Geiger and is located on the Wheeler-Laurens County line.

In 1925 Elmer Currie purchased the house and began renovating the house which included closing in a hall and adding a long porch to the southside of the house. Mr. Currie's son, Emmett, occupied the house from 1926 to 1930.

R. Elmer Currie and his wife moved into the house in 1930. In 1965 Alma Currie inherited the house from her mother, Anne Lou Evans

Currie, and has lived here for many years. During the Currie's ownership the house has been well-maintained throughout the years.

126

John McRae House

John McRae hired Joseph Sikes, a local contractor, to build a white frame house for him in the town of Alamo. Construction was begun in 1870, but the house was not completed until 1873. Lumber used in the house was cut from trees growing on the surrounding land which was heart-pine and hand-planed.

John, his wife, Lucretia Brantley McRae, and children, Isabelle Elizabeth, Christian (Kitty), Margaret, and Harriet lived here. After his wife's death, John McRae continued to live in the house with his daughter, Christian, until she married at which time she moved elsewhere.

Another daughter, Isabelle Elizabeth McRae Clements, moved into the house. She and her husband, John Wooten Clements, had nine children — Mary, Alice, Mattie, John McRae, Ada, Pearl, Allen Paul, Alma, and Lucile. Ada Clements inherited the house from her mother, Isabelle Elizabeth McRae Clements. In the early 1930s she deeded the house to her sister-in-law, Pearl Roberson Clements, and niece, Mary Alice Clements. In 1970 Mary Alice Clements Brownson, a great-granddaughter of John McRae, became sole owner and continues to live in the house.

Very few changes have been made to this well-cared-for house since it was built over one hundred years ago. In 1950 a bedroom and bath were added to the rear of the house, and in 1960 a breakfast room was built. However, in no way have these additions changed the intrinsic character of this wonderful old house.

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The R. L. Garbutt Home

Route 292 Towards Lyons, Vidalia

Out Route 292, towards Lyons and just inside the city limits of Vidalia is a home which has no resemblance to its history.

Around the year 1880, one Robert M. Garbutt, Sr. came to this area as a farmer and saw miller. This entire area was covered with yellow pines and Mr. Garbutt built his home on the site where R. L. Garbutt and his wife Madeline live presently.

Built of heart pine lumber sawed at the Garbutt and Donovan lumber mill and with a wood shingle roof, it had a wrap-around porch and a dog trot down the center of the house, a well behind the house as well as chicken house, mule barn, feed house and a cane mill. It became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garbutt sometime around 1940. Mr. W. O. Donovan was associated with many activities in the area and with Mr. Garbutt operated a saw mill that was served by a railroad line they owned and brought trees to the mill.

Mr. R. L. Garbutt, Sr. and his wife Sudie had four children, George, Allie, Charlie, Oda, and Rawlings. Allie lived in this house for a while and then it was used by tenants.

The house has been completely renovated inside and out. In this home Robert and Madeline have raised three children, Dr. R. L. Garbutt, Jr., Vidalia, Jesselyn Ezell, Albany and Jeanine Rollins, Atlanta.

Robert Garbutt was building foreman for Coite Somers Company for many years and one of the top men in his field.

128 T. R. Lee Home
404 Durden Street, Vidalia

In the very early 1900s Mr. Ben Grace built and lived in the house. He sold it to Mr. T. R. Lee about 1917. Mr. Lee was the owner and operator of Lee Hardware Co. located at 104 Church Street where Way Finance is located today.

The house has changed little since then. Mr. Lee was active in civic activities and his church, the Vidalia Methodist. Mrs. Lee was just as active with ladies work and the First Baptist Church.

They raised four children, Denham, Charles, Frank and Mary Frances. Two of the children live in Vidalia, Denham Lee and Charles Lee. they sold the house to the late Vernon Cliatt.

129 The Donovan Home
510 Jackson Street, Vidalia

Built in the early 1900s of Georgia pine, this was the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Manery and their son Jamie. Mr. Manery was Vice-President of the First National Bank, served a term as a city councilman and was connected with the hardware business.

It has a hipped roof, full front porch, large windows, large rooms, a wide hall running through the house, high ceilings, porch on the rear and shingled roof.

After the Manery family moved from Vidalia, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Donovan lived in the house. Three children were in this family George Donovan, Richard (Mrs. J. B. Warthen) and Lillian (Mrs. W. A. Chapman).

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Warthen and their son "Bill", who still resides in the city and is active in civic and fraternal affairs, lived in the home for many years. Mary Coursey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chapman, living in Vidalia at the present time. Mr. Donovan was one of the very earliest settlers and had interests in every form of business in the area — sawmilling, owning part of the Garbutt and Donovan Railroad, banking, fertilizer and farming.

For a time Dr. M. J. Rattray, VM, and his family made their home there. There were Dr. and Mrs. Rattray, Jack, Nellie, Blanche, Louise, May High and Malcolm. Later Dr. Rattray built his home at the end of Durden Street.

Behind the Donovan house was a stable and barn. Horses were kept there and the glassed-in hearse built by the Vidalia Buggy Company (the Murchison family) was stored there.

130 Peterson-Wilbanks Home
404 Jackson Street, Vidalia

Built in 1916 by the designer Ivey P. Crutchfield, also the builder and designer of the C. W. Brazell home (now Altama Gallery).

This type of architecture was quite popular in the south during this period or around the turn of the century. It was built on one-half acre of land — or cotton patch — purchased from Mrs. Peterson, who was Ala McArthur. The house contained 6000 square feet. Mr. McArthur was one of the largest land owners in the area.

There were two children in the Peterson family; both girls, Carrie Mae and Eula Lee. After Mr. Peterson's death, Mrs. Peterson married a farmer and cotton buyer, Mr. H. P. Wilbanks. They had two children, both boys, John Wilbanks retired from the U.S. Post Office, Vidalia (still living in Vidalia) and Bill Wilbanks (now living in Atlanta).

The house was purchased by Warren Frank Jenkins and his wife Katherine Somers Jenkins. After Mr. Jenkins' death, Mrs. Jenkins sold the home to Andrew, Threlkeld and Ellington as an office for their law firm. They envisioned and carried out a complete renovation of the home restoring it to its original beauty.

It is the fourth structure in Toombs County to be listed in the National Historic Register.

131 The Brazell House
609 Jackson Street, Vidalia (Altama Gallery)

Constructed about 1910, this two story weatherboard house had a shingle roof. There are sidelights on each side of the front door. The shed type porch is supported by doria columns. The house was designed by Mr. Crutchfield, who also designed the Peterson-Wilbanks house, W. F. Jenkins, J. C. Austin and other distinctive homes in Vidalia.

Mr. and Mrs. Brazell moved from their farm on the Cedar Crossing Road about 1910. Their children were Anna, Rusha, Nora and Sara (Mrs.

E. L. Meadows). This home became the property of Mrs. Duncan Graham (Elizabeth Meadows), granddaughter of the Brazell's, who deeded the property to the city. It is now the home of Altama Gallery.

132 W. J. Murchison Home
505 Jackson Street, Vidalia

It is believed that Elder T. E. Sikes had this house built or was the first to live there.

Later Mr. W. J. "Will" Murchison and his wife, the former Edna Glover, made this their home. Their daughter, Mary Frances Pulliam, now living in Atlanta, was born there.

Mr. Murchison purchased the house and made renovations. At Mrs. Murchison's death it came into the hands of Mary Frances and was sold to Dennis Ingly for a business office.

Mr. Murchison will be remembered as the manager and funeral director of Murchison Funeral Home which is now owned by Mrs. Twila Outzs.

133 J. R. Stith Home

One block off 280, turn right at Tollison Insurance Agency and on the left is the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stith. It was well-known as a boarding house and the home of several children — Mabelle, Estelle, Claudia, John and Pauline.

The building has been made into several apartments and is in disrepair now, but it was an attractive two story building earlier.

Claudia made her home in Vidalia and married Mark Matthews. She was the pianist for so many organizations and functions, particularly the Vidalia Kiwanis Club where she served for a considerable time as pianist. Two of the Stith girls were blessed with good voices and they loved to show their talent.

134 Elder T. E. Sikes Home
408 Durden Street, Vidalia

This corner house was the first home of the elder of the Primitive Baptist Church. It is one of the early homes built on Durden Street. Mr. Sikes' ideas and planning brought about the founding of Bethany Home for Ladies here — a home for elderly ladies as a place where they could receive the attention and care to bring comfort to them in their aging years.

135 Moses M. Coleman Home
Highway 280 East, Vidalia

Three miles east on 280 on the right side of the road is the home built by Moses M. Coleman about 1906.

It was built of pine cut from the Coleman property and sawed by Darby Lumber Company in Vidalia. It is clapboard construction with a red tile roof. The tile roof came from near Ludowici and was manufactured by some Germans who settled part of that area. A porch almost circles the house and was built for rocking, skating, tricycle riding, bicycle riding and swinging — a children's playground.

There are several rooms and each room had a fireplace. Outside every room, near the window, there was a wood rack. It was no trouble to raise a window and get a chunk of wood for the fire. When the first Mr. Coleman built the New Lyons Hotel, he had one bath-tub left over. This he put on the back porch near the well and it was used for bathing before they had running water.

This house has been the home to six generations of Colemans and their children. The first was Mrs. Martha Matthews Coleman, the matriarch of the clan. Her son was Moses M. Coleman, who was the father of 10 children. His son was Moses M. Coleman who also farmed, traded and trafficked, was owner and operator of Coleman Sales, Inc. His son, Steven G. Coleman, farmer and filling station operator and his four children occupy the home now.

At the present time there are 175 acres attached to this house (and 3 buffalo). Members of this family living in Vidalia are Moses M. Coleman and his children Beverly Achenbach, Larry Coleman, Moses III, Katherine Greer, Steven, his brother Dan and his mother Alice Coleman.

In the early days there were several houses nearby, probably due to the nearness of the Garbutt & Donovan Mill which was located across the railroad and nearer Lyons, GA. Sometime after being built, Mr. Coleman installed a Delco generator and a water pump.

136 Bob Sharpe Home
Listed on National Register of Historic Places

West of Vidalia and just outside of the Vidalia city limits on the Vidalia to Alston road and to the right is the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. "Bob" Sharpe.

After living in the Chesley McLemore home, he and his wife and two daughters moved in their own home a few hundred yards from Mrs. Sharpe's home (she was Janie McLemore). As stated in the McLemore Cabin write-up, C. B. and Inez were born in the cabin while Lois was born in the new home.

C. B. was well-known and loved and active in many areas in Vidalia and Mount Vernon's early life. She was librarian at Brewton-Parker College. Inez married D. D. "Doug" McGregor and now makes her home in Ailey, Ga. Lois married a Mr. Matthews and now lives in Robert, Ga.

The Bob Sharpe home was built of yellow pine which was cut and sawed at Mr. Sharpe's saw mill. One will notice the comfortable and inviting look with the large, long porch. Mr. Sharpe kept accurate accounts of the cost of the home. His daughter Inez said that the cost of the home, built in 1903, was \$1,020.35 and that the only trouble he had building the house was that it was necessary to send to Savannah for nails.

Mr. Sharpe was interested in saw milling, farming, banking, a pioneer in curing meats and operated a commissary for his hands and friends.

Mr. Sharpe had an elevated storage tank into which water was pumped giving him gravity flow water pressure in his home. He had a lavatory and bath-tub (which was a curiosity at that time).

This^{is} now the home of Rector Sutherland of the Vidalia Episcopal Church.

137 Chesley B. McLemore Plantation

West of downtown Vidalia on the Vidalia-Alston road, about three miles out and ¼ mile to the right is the Chesley B. McLemore Cabin (as it is now referred to). Mr. McLemore owned in excess of 3,000 acres and in 1864, during the Civil War, he cut his own yellow pine trees and built his own home. (Mr. McLemore never cupped a tree).

When completed, there was a large living room and 4 shed rooms. Connecting this to the kitchen is a breeze-way. The kitchen is of yellow pine logs also. There is a division between the kitchen and the dining room. Mrs. McLemore cooked over a large fireplace and also had an iron stove. Viewing the home from the front one notices the zig-zag, 6-rail high fence. The gate is directly in line with the front door over which one sees an old yoke.

The windows have wooden shutters and to the left of the front door is a plaque stating that this house is listed on "The National Register of Historic Places."

To the left of the cabin, yet near, is the old well with, not a rope and pulley with which to draw water, but the original style well sweep. Between the well and the kitchen is the farm bell. On the right side of the house is the syrup house for storing anything for winter use.

Mr. and Mrs. McLemore raised seven children, William, Ira, Lucian B., Georgia (who married Joe Sharpe), Elizabeth (married O. A.

Peterson whose home was situated on Jackson Street near the new Georgia Power Company Office), Arlie (married R. E. L. Coursey) and Janie (married R. L. "Bob" Sharpe).

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sharpe lived in the McLemore Plantation home until two of the three daughters were born. The daughters are C. B. Sharpe, deceased; Inez Sharpe McGregor, who now resides in Ailey and Lois Sharpe Matthews who lives in Roberta, Ga.

In 1964 Inez and Lois restored the cabin. After Mr. Sharpe built his home next to the McLemore home in 1903, farm hands were in and out tenants.

138 Paul Anderson Youth Home 1602 McIntosh Street, Vidalia

A tract of land was purchased by Dr. W. F. Peacock, Julian Peacock and Will Hart with each drawing lots to determine which land was theirs.

Dr. Peacock received between 200 and 300 acres from the railroad down to the creek. Dr. Peacock built the house about 1910 on part of this land which is now the Paul Anderson Youth Home. There was a balcony around the front and side. Under this balcony on the right side of the house there was a drive-through and there were steps up to the porch. Just off the porch was a bedroom and next was a room the doctor used as an office.

There were four bedrooms upstairs and two bedrooms downstairs, a dining room, kitchen and living room. The kitchen opened on a back porch which was screened-in. Set in the edge of the porch was the well. The house was constructed of yellow pine siding and had a metal roof. Inside the walls were plastered on wooden lathes. Dr. Peacock married a Miss Hunt from Washington County. Their children were Watson (who became a druggist), Frank (a medical doctor), Wendell (also became a doctor), Ruth (married a Langston), Blanch (also married a Langston), Ellene (married Herbert Bailey, who was an auditor and worked from Vidalia).

Dr. Frank Peacock practiced medicine in Vidalia for a few years.

Dr. W. F. Peacock practiced his profession by horse and buggy for a time, later purchasing the first automobile in Vidalia. Beside the practice of medicine he farmed and pioneered in raising pecans. When Dr. Peacock first came to Vidalia he built somewhere on Morris Street. A street was later named for him — Peacock Street.

The house, after several tenants, was purchased by the owner of Vidalia Stockyard, Herbert Allen. After Mr. Allen removed the plaster from the walls and put up sheetrock and made other alterations to suit his family.

Later the home was sold and completely remodeled by the "World's Strongest Man", Paul Anderson and his wife Glenda. They use the home as a place to rehabilitate juveniles who have run afoul of the law.

139 The Elza (E. L.) Meadows Home
409 Durden Street, Vidalia

This house was the first brick home built in Vidalia. Constructed in 1918 by John T. Ragan Co. it is two story with concrete porches.

Mr. Meadows, his wife (the former Sara Brazell) whose family built what is now Altama Gallery on Jackson Street, E. L., Jr., LeRoy, Jack, Eleanor and Elizabeth occupied this home. The only member of the family now living in Vidalia is Elizabeth, Mrs. Duncan Graham, who lives on Center Drive. Mr. Meadows was very active as a farmer, auto dealer, warehouseman and civic and religious leader.

Now this house is owned and occupied by the John Somers Family.

140 Abbie Thompson Home
501 Jackson Street

Now the home of Palmer, Cay & Carswell Insurance, this one is part of an area that is giving way to commercial development.

It is believed that Mr. E. L. Meadows built this home about 1908 and lived there until he built the city's first brick home on Durden Street.

The front of this house had a wide front porch running down the right side to the rear and part of the rear, making the rear porch very high off the ground. Changes were made by various owners as time passed. As most houses in that time the front door opened into a wide hall with doors opening to the rooms right and left.

Abbie Thompson, a saw-miller, and his family lived in the home in the early years. There were several children in this family but only one lives in Vidalia — Ossie (Mrs. H. D.) Gillis on Adams Street. Among other owners and users of this property before being occupied by Palmer, Cay & Carswell was Perry B. Collins who also had this house as his insurance office. Collins' wife, Blanche, was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Rattray, whose family lived there earlier. Charles Darling and his family lived there and Mrs. Darling operated a kindergarten in the home. Other owners included Lake McDonald and Peter Brice.

141 Leader & Rosansky Home
402 Jackson Street, Vidalia

Formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Shuman and Neal Shuman, this spacious house still has the iron work fence across the front of the house.

This Georgian plan has a gabled and truncated hipped roof, stained glass transom and sidelights, a wrap-around shed porch with ionic Greek columns and turned balustrades, interior corbel-capped brick chimney, round turret at left and dentist rouge under eaves.

Mr. Leader and Mr. Rosansky were the owners of the most modern mercantile business between Macon and Vidalia. Their place of business took in what is now Estroffs and the Kenwin Shop. They also farmed and sold mules and horses.

This house was occupied by the Johnson family, the C. C. Somers, Mr. Leader and Mr. Rosansky families. The house was built by a Mr. Johnson from Long Pond.

142 The Shuman Home
104 Second Street, Vidalia

Now being used by Panache, a gift shop, the Shuman house is one of the oldest in the city.

The F. E. Shuman family (Myrtle Mimbs Shuman; Anne, Mrs. Welch Green and Peggy, Mrs. Billy Peek — all make their home in Vidalia now) owned the home for many years.

This house, at one time, faced Jackson Street at the corner of 2nd and Jackson. The construction was of wood siding and wood shingle roof. There was a small porch on the front. As families of different sizes lived there, there were alterations to suit their needs.

Former owners of the property included Marion Shuman, J. R. Crooms, Kathryn White, Tom Chastain and F. E. Shuman. The present owner is the law firm of Andrew and Threlkeld.

143 J. D. Dickerson Home
205 Thompson Street, Vidalia

J. D. Dickerson came to Vidalia in the early 1900s. He was a black educator and has left Vidalia, both blacks and whites, with the idea of working together for the education and betterment of the community.

He stood high in the educational field. At one time he was given a pocket watch in recognition of his work in Vidalia. He founded the black school where he served as superintendent. At his death he was buried on the campus of the school on Third Avenue, now MLK Jr. Drive.

This home was built about 1920 and shows his design for simplicity, yet comfort. He was a good man. Also good for Vidalia.

144 Dennis Mosley Home
Old Mount Vernon Highway

To reach this old home go out highway 280 west. At the Shrimp Boat, with Piggly Wiggly Warehouse at 1 o'clock, take a right off 280. Do not go between the two lakes, but straight ahead. At the first railroad crossing turn right. Just before reaching 292, a house can be seen behind the vegetation — this is the Old Mount Vernon Highway.

The Mosley home was built of heart pine, not logs, in 1902 by Mr. (S. W.) Sherman Vann. It was the home of Dennis Mosley and Emily Hughes Mosley. Dennis Mosley was a charter member of the First Baptist Church. Three children were born in this house — Emmett Mosley, Jewell Gladys (Wiggins) and Katie Clyde (Barton Purvis). The descendants now living in Vidalia are Gladys Rose Shuman, Jack Mosley, Jewell O'Neal, Julius Mosley, Iona McNatt and William D. Mosley. Also Emmett Mosley's wife Eunice and Willeca Booth "Bill" Mosley, wife of J. E. "Deacon" Mosley.

This house consisted of two bedrooms, dining room and kitchen. This land was part of a land grant of 616 acres to Allen McKaskill of January 1848. Other children in the family are Daisy Bell, Hilton Wilson, Rosanna, John Elliott, Sherman H. and Julius Duncan.

145 Garbutt House
U.S. 280 West, Lyons

Robert Musgrove Garbutt built this "house of twenty columns," a name it is often called, in 1910 as a gift to his wife, Missouri Elizabeth ("Sudie") Coleman Garbutt. Considered to be one of Toombs County's most elegant landmarks, it is located on Highway 280 in Lyons.

This three-story Neoclassical mansion containing 5000 square feet was built entirely of heart pine. In the foyer is an ornately-carved circular stairway. The handsome millwork is stained a rich dark mahogany. Twelve-foot ceilings

add elegance to the formal rooms. Beautiful oriental rugs throughout the house add warmth and color to the period furnishings. One of the original footed bathtubs is still used in a guest bathroom.

Missouri Elizabeth Coleman ("Sudie") Garbutt died in 1912. When her estate was divided, her son, Charles A. Garbutt, and his wife, Lela, got the house.

In the late 1970s Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mims purchased the house when it was in a bad state of disrepair and completely restored the house to its former grandeur. Roderick Dhu Mims, a great-grandson of the original owner, Robert Musgrove Garbutt, sold the house in 1988 to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hartley, who live here with their two small children.

146**Smith House****Marvin Community in Toombs County**

This house was built in 1860 for J. H. Smith and is located in the Marvin Community in

Toombs County. Mr. Smith lived here with his wife, Caroline Mattox Smith, and eleven children.

The exterior and interior of the house are original. However, rooms have been added at the rear of the house for present-day living.

The house has always been owned by the descendants of J. H. Smith and it is presently owned and occupied by a great-grandson, Bob Clark.

147**John Pearson Home****Located in Tattnall County**

In 1850 John Pearson built this large, two-story house in what is now Tattnall County. He lived here with his wife, Ann Eliza Ryals Pearson, who was reared in Montgomery County.

A daughter, Anna Lillian Pearson, inherited the house from her father, John Pearson, and lived in this house during her lifetime.

John Sanders, a great-grandson of John Pearson, presently resides in the house.

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